

## AFGHANISTAN

# Airstrikes add to rise in civilian casualties

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KABUL, Afghanistan — More civilians were killed in the war in Afghanistan last year than any other year since records began, with child deaths also reaching an all-time high, partly due to a spike in U.S. airstrikes, the United Nations said in a report on Sunday.

The findings added to a litany of discouraging data on the U.S.' longest war and were released a day before American and Taliban officials were to resume direct talks in Qatar, which could lead to the U.S. pulling out of the conflict, now in its 18th year.

The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan documented more than 3,800 civilian deaths in the country last year, including about 930 children, both annual records. Nearly 11,000 civilian casualties in total were recorded throughout the year.

UNAMA attributed most of the casualties to anti-government forces, predominantly the Taliban and local Islamic State affiliate, with pro-government forces being blamed for about a quarter of the deaths and injuries.

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# Ready for anything

## New reconnaissance Marines learn the ropes at Okinawa shoot house

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**A**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa team of four Marines moved methodically through the Camp Hansen shoot house, saying nothing, communicating instead by squeezing and tapping one another's shoulders.

They entered a room swiftly and with precision, fanning out to cover every nook and cranny. Gunshots rang out, ejected brass flipped into the air and the smell of gunpowder hung over the chamber.

The Feb. 7 training was designed to get the newest batch of reconnaissance Marines ready for a close-quarters-tactics course in October and an upcoming deployment at sea with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

**'You gotta just keep doing it. They gotta get reps in.'**

Lance Cpl.  
Shane Waldo  
reconnaissance  
Marine

and the Navy's Task Force 76. As part of the MEU, the Marines will serve as the United States' pre-eminent quick reaction force in the Indo-Pacific region.

When the smoke cleared, the

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Above: A Marine from 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion shoots a target during training in a Camp Hansen shoot house earlier this month on Okinawa, Japan. Right: A Marine prepares to enter a room during a "shoot package" exercise.

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PACIFIC

# New Pacific sub chief inheriting a more lethal fleet

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle commanded U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force for the past 18 months with one “simple” top priority.

“First, I worked to improve the lethality of our undersea enterprise across the range of combat operations,” Caudle said during a change of command ceremony Thursday.

“If called to fight, we will have one chance to get it right, and the submarine force will be relied on to lead the way,” Caudle said, speaking from atop the pier-side attack sub USS Mississippi. “We are the seize-the-initiative force, designed to tenderize the maritime battlefield and ensure a decisive victory.”

Caudle, who is headed to a post with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, turned command over to Rear Adm. Blake Converse, who most recently led Submarine Group 9 in Silverdale, Wash.

U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. John Aquilino heaped praise on Caudle for upping the Pacific submarine fleet’s readiness for combat.

“For a year and a half, flawless execution, driving a force of 13,000 sailors and civilian war-

riors, three task forces and over 105 shore- and sea-based activities,” Aquilino said.

As chief of all Pacific submarines, Caudle oversaw 60 percent of the Navy’s submarine force in an area that covers roughly two-thirds of the globe.

Caudle’s stint included “over 19 deployments of attack- and guided-missile submarines, 26 strategic nuclear deterrent patrols — all executed to perfection,” Aquilino said.

“To sum that up, [Caudle] has instilled a warfighting culture at SUBPAC and ensured all of his forces were ready to deploy when the nation called 24-7, 365,” he said.

Caudle’s successor, Converse, was last stationed in Hawaii 20 years ago as a lieutenant commander in the same force he now commands. His sea tours have included the USS Lapon, USS Olympia and USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul. He commanded the USS Louisiana from 2006 to 2009.

As the pace of technological innovation continues to grow, SUBPAC’s success will depend on the ability to adopt new capabilities and train crews to effectively employ them, Converse said.

“That’s going to require a high level of individual competency, much higher than we demand of our sailors today,” he said.



**U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. John Aquilino, right, presents a Legion of Merit to Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on Thursday.**

It will require “a forward-leaning shore-training infrastructure geared toward preparing submarines for combat operations,” he said. “I know we’re keyed to do that.”

A SUBPAC commander serves as the principal adviser on submarine matters to Aquilino and also oversees the nation’s ballistic missile submarine fleet operating in the Pacific on behalf of Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of U.S. Strategic Command.

The SUBPAC chief also reports to Vice Adm. Chas Richard, commander of the entire U.S. Navy undersea fleet.

Aquilino joked that reporting to so many bosses and overseeing

such a vast area of responsibility makes SUBPAC command “the hardest job in the Navy.”

In his remarks, Caudle continually returned to the theme of submariners as warfighters, emphasizing the underwater fleet’s importance in the Pentagon’s shifting focus on great powers competition.

“I’ve tried to create an environment designed to embrace and empower a culture of warfighting in every single thing we do,” he said. “We must frame our peacetime missions, our periodic exercises and our competency development efforts in the context of combat in order to give our sailors and officers the proper

perspective, a strong sense of ownership and the vision of purpose to underpin the energy we apply each day to personnel and material readiness.

“While our role against China and North Korea is perhaps more obvious, Pacific submarines are also essential against a resurgent Russia and a persistent Iranian threat in the Middle East,” he said.

“Our submarines are prepared to conduct the full range of combat operations across three fleets, including countering transnational threats and violent extremists.”

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## EUROPE

# US soldiers teach Georgians defensive tactics

BY MARTIN EGNASH  
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**H**igh in the hills, surrounded by vineyards and sheep, soldiers brave the stinging winds as they peer out of their freshly dug foxholes and unleash a barrage of machine-gun fire that echoes through the canyons of central Georgia.

This has become routine for Georgian soldiers being advised by U.S. troops in defensive tactics to protect the small, mountainous country that shares its northern border with Russia.

Earlier this month, amid heightened tensions in the region, soldiers with the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division began training the Georgians as part of the Georgia Defense Readiness Program, which is meant to bolster the country's ability to defend itself against attack and modernize its military's tactics.

"We have problems with our neighbor, Russia, and this gives our soldiers practice to increase their soldiering skills and learn how to fight here in Georgia," said Lt. Col. Vova Natenadze, commander of a battalion going through the training.

Several of the country's northern provinces are still occupied by Russia after a five-day war along the South Ossetia and Abkhazia regions in 2008. Russian troops, which had been there as peacekeepers, remain there to this day, occupying roughly one-fifth of Georgian territory.

The training comes as Russian ships have been shadowing the destroyer USS Donald Cook on two recent deployments to the Black Sea, including during a port call in Batumi, Georgia, and an exercise with its coast guard.

This month, in the hills above Tbilisi, U.S. troops have been mentoring and coaching a battalion of light infantrymen conducting war games.

The Americans are working closely with their counterparts to develop the defense program, with the hopes of building lasting improvements to the country's military, said Maj. Jon-Paul Navarro, the officer in charge of the several dozen U.S. troops here.

"We're giving them our best tactics, techniques and procedures to develop this combat training center," he said.

## Russian tactics

The local soldiers spend much of their time digging foxholes and camouflaging their positions in order to ambush a mock opposition force modeling Russian tactics and made up of other Georgian soldiers.

Many going through the training fought against Russia in the 2008 conflict, including the training center's commander, Col. Roman Janjulia.

Janjulia, whose father died nearly three decades ago fighting in the South Ossetia province now occupied by Russia, believes

the American-led readiness program would have been beneficial to the country in its more recent conflict.

"I think this training would have helped in 2008," Janjulia said. "And I think this will definitely help them in the future. They will not be vulnerable to the same threats. They will know how to oppose aggression and fight their war with minimum loss of personnel or equipment. They will protect this piece of terrain."

Over the next few years, the country plans to put each of its nine light infantry battalions through the program, which began last spring as the military here began to shift focus from Afghanistan deployments to the rising threats at home amid signs of an emboldened Russia.

"We're looking at threats around the world, like Ukraine, Syria and the aggression we had in 2008, and we can say that this threat could come to us," Janjulia said. "And we, as the Georgian army, should be ready to defend our people and our nation ... and this program especially helps us train for that."

## Tensions remain

Though the war with Russia ended more than 10 years ago, tensions remain. A group of armed, masked men crossed into Georgian territory in 2015 in an attempt to move border markers farther south, to allow Russia to control a milelong stretch of land that includes an oil pipeline.

In addition to building up infantry skills, the program allows the Georgian Defense Ministry to assess its planning by trying out tactics on a mock battlefield. The center tests the plans and provides feedback to the ministry to help create improvements, Janjulia said.

"It's not just the individual soldiers getting better but the actual plan of how to defend Georgia is getting better," he said.

Georgia is not a member of NATO, and its application has been blocked by European alliance members concerned about growing tensions with Russia. Still, Georgia has contributed a large contingent of troops to the U.S.-led NATO mission in Afghanistan. Soldiers here are confident their U.S. and European allies would step in to help them if hostilities did escalate between their country and its northern neighbor.

"Georgia wouldn't stand alone," Janjulia said. "We were not alone in 2008. There was support of other partners, which stood in front of Russia and told them to stop."

Support for the troops here through efforts such as the readiness program also bolster their confidence, he said.

"They see the U.S. troops and NATO partners who are coming and advising us," Janjulia said. "This is something our soldiers value."

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Georgian soldiers run toward their next defensive position during training at the Georgia Defense Readiness Program in Tbilisi on Wednesday.



Left: A Georgian soldier playing the opposition force takes aim with an RPK machine gun. Right: Soldiers dig a defensive position. Below: Troops apply first aid to a mock casualty.



## PACIFIC

# Leaders take close look at base housing

Officials knock on doors, hold meetings to ask Pacific base residents about issues

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Officials at U.S. military installations across the Far East are going door-to-door, holding meetings and seeking feedback from residents following recent testimony to Congress and media reports about health and safety issues in military housing.

The moves echo an effort on bases in Europe following testimony Feb. 13 about military housing before the House Armed Services Committee and a series of reports by the Reuters news agency that found housing at many U.S. bases was dilapidated and dangerous.

On Feb. 15, top military officials ordered commanders to inspect all housing for which they were responsible within 30 days and to hold town hall meetings.

For example, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein di-

rected commanders at every base worldwide to conduct a "100 percent review" of the condition and safety of all military housing by March 1, the Air Force said in a statement.

At Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo, 374th Airlift Wing commander Col. Otis Jones wrote to residents Wednesday to inform them that military leaders would come personally to base housing and speak directly to residents about health and safety issues.

After those house calls, base housing residents may expect "follow-up with a personal visit" prior to March 1 to "confirm that your concerns are being addressed appropriately by our housing team."

On Friday, Master Sgt. Adam Brady and Master Sgt. Paul On visited residents of Yokota's east-side housing area to ask them about issues with their single-story row houses.

By early afternoon the pair had visited 47 out of 50 homes on their



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**Master Sgt. Paul On, left, and Master Sgt. Adam Brady surveyed residents of Yokota Air Base about issues with their base homes.**

list but had found no major problems, Brady said.

"There are issues that Civil Engineering needs to identify but there is nothing that affects someone's life or safety," he said.

Eastside resident Margie Riddell, 40, of Dallas, Texas, said she had a visit from a survey team Thursday.

"They are taking it very seriously, which I think is the right

response," she said.

Riddell's family hasn't had problems with military housing in Japan, although their home is smaller than what they're used to, she said.

Some other bases in the Far East are holding meetings to talk about housing issues.

Yokosuka Naval Base posted a flyer on its official Facebook page for a "Townhall & Housing

Forum" to be held at the Community Readiness Center at 6.30 p.m. March 5.

U.S. Army Japan commander Maj. Gen. Viet Luong will host town hall meetings at Camp Zama's Yano Fitness Center at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday and at Kadena Air Base's Rocker Enlisted Club at 10 a.m. Thursday, according to USARJ spokesman Kevin Krejcarek.

Marine Corps officials on Okinawa didn't immediately respond to a query Friday about military housing surveys in Japan.

In South Korea, meetings have been scheduled to discuss the housing and barracks issues at Yongsan Garrison and Camp Humphreys (see story on Page 5).

The Yongsan meeting will be attended by the garrison's senior responsible officer, Maj. Gen. Daniel Christian, and is scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the South Post Chapel.

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## At Cobra Gold, training in civic action, cyberwarfare

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Cobra Gold, one of Asia's oldest and largest multinational military exercises, wrapped up for another year Friday in Thailand after 11 days.

The annual exercise, sponsored by U.S. and Thai armed forces, brought 27 other nations together for a variety of activities, from underwater demolition training to sampling the still-warm blood of its namesake reptile.

The wide-ranging schedule of events included military training, but also disaster relief planning and relationship building.

In a season of threats over maritime rights in the South China Sea, even China, a potential adversary to the U.S. and its allies, took part in a civic exercise. Chinese troops joined those from the U.S., Thailand and South Korea — more than 50 in all — to construct a multipurpose building at Ban Man Kroi School in Rayong Province, Thailand.

And for the first time in the 37-year history of Cobra Gold, the participating nations held a cyberspace field exercise. Training consisted of identifying a cyberspace attack and defending information and warfighting systems, according to a statement by the exercise organizers.

"Right now, cyberwarfare is different from the other types of wars because with the others you have to declare war," said Royal Thai Air Force Group

Capt. Amorn Chomchoey, director of Cyber Warfare Division, Office of Command and Control, Directorate of Information and Communication Technology. "But for cyberwarfare, it's happening every day. For instance, right now the assets we are protecting, there are going to be bad actors or hackers that are trying to access any of that."

U.S. Marines, the Washington Air National Guard and the Royal Thai Armed Forces took part in the exercises at Thai air force headquarters in Bangkok.

Overall, about 10,000 personnel took part in Cobra Gold 19, about 4,500 of them from the U.S., which sent a contingent of Seabees; the amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit; the 5th Battalion of the U.S. Army 20th Infantry Regiment; and the Air Force 35th Fighter Squadron.

Participants this year focused on improving their ability to plan and conduct operations together, improve maritime security and respond to natural disasters.

Experts in disaster management and humanitarian assistance hosted a forum that included more than 100 participants from Thailand, the U.S., Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Korea, India and China.

"The first time you meet somebody really should not be at the scene of a disaster," Joseph Martin, director of the Department of Defense Center for Excellence in



MARY CALKIN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**U.S. and Royal Thai Marines run to an amphibious assault vehicle during a Cobra Gold drill in Ban Chan Kream, Thailand, on Wednesday.**

Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, said in a statement. "It should be at a training event, like [this], where you can build those relationships."

During one of the field events, Royal Thai military instructors demonstrated for U.S. troops during jungle survival training how to drink cobra blood and find sources of food and water.

"If we were ever to come into a jungle environment and face threats, it is really good to know how to survive," Lance Cpl Brendan Gallagher, of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, said in a mil-

itary news release Feb. 14. "It is great to work with other countries. Sometimes they know things we don't and we can help each other by sharing knowledge."

Military personnel from participating nations also conducted shipboard, flight and parachute operations, emergency evacuation training and live-fire exercises.

At the opening ceremony, Peter Haymond, the interim chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, said the yearly exercise had improved the participating nations' response to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in Indonesia;

the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan; the 2013 Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; the 2015 earthquake in Nepal; and, most recently, the rescue of the Wild Boars soccer team from the caves in northern Thailand.

The end of this year's Cobra Gold came just ahead of the general elections scheduled to take place March 24 in Thailand, the country's first national vote since a military coup in May 2014.

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## PACIFIC

# Camp Humphreys residents air woes about new housing

By KIM GAMEL  
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**CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea** — A 10-year-old girl was stuck in an elevator for 45 minutes before somebody heard her screaming and called for help, her mother said.

Soldiers complained about mold and temperature control problems in the barracks.

Residents of Camp Humphreys gave commanders an earful Friday during a town hall meeting about housing woes on the U.S. military's new headquarters base in the rural area of Pyeongtaek, about 55 miles south of Seoul.

Military and housing officials, who seemed surprised by the severity of some of the complaints, responded swiftly by sending people to check on the situation the next day.

But many in the audience asked how the problems were allowed to occur considering many of the facilities are new and touted as state of the art.

The meeting, held in the Four Chaplains memorial chapel, was part of a military-wide outreach seeking feedback from soldiers and their loved ones following congressional testimony and media reports revealing dangerous conditions on bases in the United States.

Teams also will be dispatched to all 772 senior leader quarters, some 230 off-post government-leased homes, 385 Army family housing units and 44 barracks "to hear directly from you about life, health and safety issues," Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Michael Bills said.

He defined those as problems that could cause harm and said Camp Humphreys had no work orders in that category.

Similar forums have been scheduled on other bases in the region, including Yongsan Garrison in Seoul on Wednesday.

## Airing concerns

During the Humphreys town hall, soldiers and civilians took to the microphone to complain about slow responses to work orders, mold, a lack of hot water, the inability to control temperatures and entry doors that don't reach the floor.

Malfunctioning elevators, including in the new housing towers, emerged as one of the most serious issues.

"I've been stuck in the elevator many times, both me and my family," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Uhila, of the 65th Medical Brigade.

"Somebody is going to die in that elevator. I just want to express that."

Many of the problems listed Friday echoed those at other bases, but efforts to fix things at Camp Humphreys are complicated by the fact that they often have to be channeled through South Korean contractors due to an agreement that dates to 2004.

The \$10.7 billion sprawling base is the centerpiece of a frequently delayed plan to relocate most U.S. forces south from bases in Seoul and near the front lines with North Korea.

South Korea agreed to fund most of the construction and provide the labor that has turned the former helicopter outpost into a small American town.

President Donald Trump toured the Army garrison during his visit in November 2017 as his South Korean counterpart, Moon Jae-in, sought to show off the investment to offset U.S. demands that Seoul pay more for its own defense.

The move was originally supposed to occur in 2008 but was postponed several times in large part due to quality-control concerns. It was expedited over the past few years, and the population has nearly tripled to some 32,000.

But key facilities have not been completed, including the new hospital, a secure operations center and a new tarmac and superhangar for the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Some barracks remain under scaffolding.

Once accepted into the garrison, buildings are under a two-year warranty during which time South Korean contractors are responsible for repairs, officials said.

Shawna Worley said her daughter, 10, was stuck in an elevator for 45 minutes before somebody heard her screaming because the help button didn't work.

"The fire department had to come and rescue her," Worley said during the town hall Friday. Worley said Sunday that the help button has been fixed, and a crew came to her building over the weekend to check out the other issues.

Garrison commander Col. Scott Mueller said one problem was that some of the original South Korean construction companies had gone out of business, making it difficult to get parts.

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65th Medical Brigade



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**Spc. Nizika Wilson tells commanders about her housing concerns during a town hall meeting at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Friday.**



**Left: Capt. Carlos Romero, of the 176th Financial Support Unit, airs his grievances. Right: Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Michael Bills, left, and Camp Humphreys garrison commander Col. Scott Mueller listen to the community's concerns.**



Spc. Nizika Wilson, 22, assigned to the 194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, has the number for maintenance programmed into her phone because she has to call them so often.

## 'The mold smells a lot'

She described problems including temperamental heaters and a single stove for the whole building that doesn't work.

But her biggest concern was mold.

"A lot of our soldiers and our NCOs have a lot of mold and we have a leakage issue, so at certain times, the sinks or toilets or showers get flooded," she said. "The mold smells a lot."

Due to a lack of capacity, many soldiers and civilian employees live off-post in government-leased housing that also drew several complaints.

One man who lives in a neighborhood known as Riverside said children are exposed to sewage that often backs up during the monsoon season.

U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Robert Abrams explained

that the Army Corps of Engineers, which oversaw the expansion project, could not do quality checks until 80 percent of the project was complete, as outlined in the bilateral agreement.

The hospital and some other facilities have failed that test in the past, forcing the builders to go back and fix things even if that meant starting from scratch.

"We're actually at the mercy, if you will, of those contractors," Abrams told the audience.

The four-star later clarified that he understands why South Korea wanted the oversight since it is making such a huge investment in the base.

"We can provide feedback, which we do. We have direct access and we're pretty aggressive about it," he told Stars and Stripes.

"I was really driving home the point that this is not the garrison's fault and it's not our Corps of Engineers' fault."

Abrams said he has raised the issue with South Korea's defense minister, who has been very receptive in trying to address the problems.

"There's gonna be normal growing pains, but I don't want to minimize," Abrams said. "Some of the challenges we heard tonight from our families, these are real challenges that have to be immediately addressed."

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## EUROPE

# England flyover honors US men in WWII crash

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SHEFFIELD, England — Tony Foulds wiped a tear from his eye after waving to each of the 10 British and American military aircraft as they passed over a war memorial he's tended in Sheffield's Endcliffe Park for years.

Foulds had long sought the flyover, the first to commemorate the crash of a B-17G Flying Fortress nicknamed "Mi Amigo" that he'd witnessed 75 years ago as a child during World War II. The event drew crowds of onlookers who applauded and cheered the local man ahead of the overflight.

Foulds was among the guests on a BBC morning program that had set up a stage to broadcast from the site what the British call a "flypast." An Air Force band, dressed in WWII-period "pinks and greens" uniforms, was also on hand. U.S. Air Force Col. Lee Wingfield, who appeared on the BBC program, said every day is a chance to honor those who have come before, but this event was unique.

"When we have an opportunity to do something on the day, you know, a commemorative date like this, it's absolutely amazing opportunity," said Wingfield, an air attaché at the U.S. Embassy in London.

Now an 82-year-old retired engineer, Foulds had been among a group of schoolchildren who gathered for a fight at the park on Feb. 22, 1944, just before the bomber spiraled down into a nearby wooded knoll, killing all 10 crewmembers.

Nearly 84 at the time, Foulds watched and waved as American pilot Lt. John G. Kriegshauser waved his arms, trying to clear the children from the patch of green, he has said. After circling three times, Kriegshauser is said to have tried to rev his last remaining engine to gain altitude before crashing into the woods, though there are conflicting accounts.

It wasn't until years later that Foulds realized why the Americans had been waving and that he'd chosen to sacrifice his own crew's life rather than risk the children's.

"They could have saved themselves," Foulds told The Associated Press earlier this month. "I've put myself in their place many a time and thought if I was wanting to land and there were children on, I would think to myself, 'Well, I'll land and hope I don't hit them.'"

Foulds has long felt guilty over the incident. When he was 17, he came across the crash crater in the woods and committed himself

to ensuring the Mi Amigo crew would never be forgotten, The Associated Press reported.

"I can't see anyone else ever doing what these lads did — giving their own lives for a foreigner," Foulds said. "I killed these lads."

In the years since a memorial was built and 10 American Oaks planted at the site in 1969, Foulds has visited the rough stone monument hundreds of times a year to chat with the fallen aircrew and share news of his life, he's said.

In recent years, he's been tending to the site to spruce it up and keep it clean and has sought to bring greater attention to the crew's sacrifice, promising them a flyby, according to media reports.

After several failed efforts, it wasn't until a coincidental meeting with the anchor of BBC's morning television newscast at the memorial, and a campaign on Twitter that ensued, that his wish was finally granted in time for the 75th anniversary of the crash.

Since his story first hit British airwaves, it's spread throughout the world, bringing greater attention to the story of Mi Amigo and its crew. On Twitter, the hashtag #RememberTheTen has taken root.

"Well, it started off as more-or-less nothing," Foulds told the BBC before the flyover. "And to see how many people have actually looked and took note, it's for these — for these lads."

On its final mission in 1944, the B-17 had been among 60 bombers on a daylight raid on an airfield in occupied Denmark meant to divert Nazi fighter planes from another Allied attack on Germany.

But heavy clouds obscured the Americans' targets, and after passing through heavy anti-aircraft fire, the bombers dumped their payloads over the North Sea and turned back for base in Northamptonshire, England.

As Mi Amigo limped home, it was attacked and severely damaged by German fighter planes. Unable to radio the bomber formation, it fell behind and appears to have veered off course, breaking through the clouds over Sheffield some 80 miles northwest of its base.

"When it came over, one engine working, spitting oil, you could actually see daylight through the tail. That's how bad it was," Foulds told the AP. "I only saw one person. No gunner. No co-pilot. No radio operator. I just saw the pilot."

The plane was one of 226 heavy bombers lost during the third week of February 1944 as part of an operation dubbed "Big Week," in which more than 2,000 crew were killed or captured, Air



WILLIAM HOWARD/Stars and Stripes

**Tony Foulds waves to 10 British and American military aircraft during a flyover at a public park in Sheffield, England, on Friday to honor the fallen from a B-17G Flying Fortress nicknamed "Mi Amigo" that crashed 75 years ago during World War II.**



DANNY LAWSON, PA/AP

**F-15s fly over Endcliffe Park in Sheffield as warplanes from Britain and the United States staged a tribute to 10 dead U.S. airmen.**

Force historians say.

For many, their fates may be unknown or long forgotten, but Foulds has kept alive the memory of Mi Amigo's 10-man crew not only by tending the public memorial but by establishing a kind of shrine in his own home as well, he said in a video posted to YouTube earlier this month.

Killed on the plane with Kriegshauser were co-pilot 2nd Lt. Lyle Curtis, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, navigator 2nd Lt. John W. Humphrey, of Wyoming, Ill., bombardier 2nd Lt. Melchor Hernandez, of Los Angeles; radio operator Staff Sgt. Robert Mayfield, of Raymond, Ill.; waist gunner Sgt. Vito Ambrosio, of Brooklyn; flight engineer and top turret gunner Staff Sgt. Harry Estabrooks, of Mound Valley, Kan.; waist gunner Sgt. George M. Williams, of Faxon, Okla.; ball turret gunner Sgt. Charles Tuttle, of Raceland, Ky.; and rear gunner Sgt. Maurice Robbins, of Manor, Texas.

In January, a U.S. Air Force official visited the memorial and asked Foulds how he wanted the flyover to be done, Foulds said in a video posted on YouTube. The retiree said the formation should fly over the memorial and circle three times, just as Mi Amigo



COURTESY OF THE KRIEGSHAUSER FAMILY/AP

**The ill-fated crew poses for a photo in front of a training plane at Geiger Field in Spokane, Wash., on Oct. 22, 1943.**



RUI VIEIRA/AP

**Foulds tends to a memorial in Endcliffe Park honoring the 10 U.S. airmen who died in a plane crash 75 years ago.**

did.

On their way back to RAF Lakenheath, four F-15E Strike Eagles were expected to also fly over the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial near Madingley, England, where Mi Amigo crewmembers Robbins, Tuttle and Estabrooks are buried.

A wreath-laying ceremony, held annually at Endcliffe Park on the closest Sunday to the anniversary of the crash, was slated for this weekend, with a memorial service at nearby St. Augustine's Church at Brocco Bank to follow.

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## MILITARY

# Judge rules men-only draft unconstitutional

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A federal judge has ruled that a men-only draft is unconstitutional, but he stopped short of ordering the Selective Service System to register women for military service.

The Houston judge sided with a San Diego men's advocacy group that challenged the government's practice of having only men sign up for the draft, citing sex discrimination in violation of the Fifth Amendment's equal protection clause.

"This case balances on the tension between the constitutionally enshrined power of Congress to raise armies and the constitutional mandate that no person be

denied the equal protection of the law," wrote U.S. District Judge Gray Miller, of the Southern District of Texas.

The lawsuit was filed in 2013 against the Selective Service System by Texas resident James Lesmeister, who later added San Diego resident Anthony Davis and the San Diego-based National Coalition for Men as additional plaintiffs.

The two men had standing to sue the government because they were within the age range of 18 to 26 in which men in the United States are required to register with Selective Service.

Coalition attorney Marc Angelucci said in a statement Saturday that he is pleased with the court

decision.

"Forcing only males to register is an aspect of socially institutionalized male disposability and helps reinforce the stereotypes that support discrimination against men in other areas" such as divorce, child custody and domestic violence services, Angelucci said.

"Women are now allowed in combat, so this decision is long overdue," he added. "After decades of sex discrimination against men in the Selective Service, the courts have finally found it unconstitutional to force only men to register."

The government asked the judge to dismiss the suit or stay a decision until a national commis-

sion studying the issue of women's draft registration reaches a recommendation.

The judge noted that could take years, and even then Congress isn't required to follow the commission's findings.

"Congress has been debating the male-only registration requirement since at least 1980," Miller wrote.

The government pointed to a 1981 U.S. Supreme Court decision that the Military Selective Service Act was constitutional as written, to exclude women because women restricted from combat were not offered similar opportunities that men had.

Miller found that reasoning no longer applicable since the

Department of Defense lifted all gender-based restrictions on military service — including combat roles — in 2015.

The judge likewise disagreed with the government's position that drafting women would be an administrative burden and that far more women than men will be found physically unfit for service after being drafted.

Congress has expressed few concerns about female physical ability, but did focus more on societal consequences of drafting young mothers to go off to war, Miller said.

"If there was ever a time to discuss the 'place of women in the Armed Services,' that time has passed," Miller concluded.

## Ready: Key to training is repetition of combat tasks

FROM FRONT PAGE

Marines from 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division learned a valuable lesson, one their leaders hope they will take with them to sea.

"Who shot the one on the right?" asked a senior recon Marine from a catwalk above the action. "You see a gun on him?"

"No," said a Marine below.

The senior Marine shook his head in disapproval. He instructed the Marines to shout out a demand to see the potential target's hands.

Then they were sent outside to do it all over again.

Combat is fluid and decisions must be made in a split second, the Marines of Force Company, 2nd Platoon, said afterward. The constant repetitions in the shoot house were designed to commit the motions of close-quarters room clearing to muscle memory, build unit cohesion, get new unit members up to scratch and to focus on advances in house-clearing techniques gleaned from decades of wars waged in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Shoot house exercises are part of a broader firearms training called a "shoot package" that includes live-fire barricade drills in which Marines must shoot targets between small opening in walls.

Second Platoon is undergoing that training to prepare for an upcoming deployment at sea in which its mission will be VBSS — visit, board, search and seizure — of possibly hostile vessels.

Lance Cpl. Shane Waldo, 21, from Scottsdale, Ariz., a recon Marine just over a year, is one of the more experienced Marines in the unit. He was one of the only



MATT BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Marines from 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion enter a room in a Camp Hansen shoot house on Feb. 7 during shoot package training on Okinawa, Japan.

Marines to have already gone through a shoot package prior to recently joining 2nd Platoon.

The platoon is picking up new Marines, so it is currently in flux, going to sniper, free-fall and dive schools in order to be ready to ship out.

"This shooting package was probably one of the first, like, biggest things they've went through, other than, like, SERE," Waldo said, referring to survival, evasion, resistance and escape training.

"They haven't been through a shooting package yet so that's just reps," he said. "You gotta just keep doing it. They gotta get reps in and they're going to become proficient at clearing houses and eventually pushing to ship, doing VBSS."

VBSS essentially means going room by room, "plying off doors, calling out threats, not shooting nonthreats" on their way to accomplishing their objectives, Waldo said.

"We would be the maritime raid force, so we would be on ship either coming in from a boat or

dropped in on a helicopter and this would be, like, exactly what we'd be doing on ship," he said.

"To get to that level you have to run through houses, learn all the basics, kind of like what we're going through with these guys today."

The shoot house training started outside with dry runs, in which two Marines cleared the outline of a room drawn in the dirt. Then they progressed to four-man entries. They moved inside and followed the same protocol.

Once two- and four-man teams had completed their dry runs, paint rounds were added.

They went through repetition after repetition. Each time, unit leaders changed the landscape by moving around barricades and targets, obscuring weapons and adding hostages.

"That didn't look bad," a senior Marine said after one of the final runs.

"Houses are very similar to ships with the entry procedures, room-clearing procedures, so going through the houses like this helps prepare us for later down in

our deployment cycle when we'll actually get on the ships and go to our VBSS training," said Staff Sgt. Samuel Mills, who was running the day's drills.

"It builds unit cohesion and it just gives them that baseline to start from, so they're not going into that [close-quarters tactics] package with absolutely no knowledge. They've at least got a starting point and a basic understanding of how things are going to work."

Mills said tactics have evolved slightly in recent years, from fast and hard entries into houses in Iraq and Afghanistan to a more deliberate style of entry.

"Instead of kicking in the doors and charging into the room, we kind of step back and try to stay out of the room as much as possible, clear it slowly before entering in and then enter in with most of the room already clear before we have to actually put guys inside," he said. "It's a much more methodical way of doing it and it's thought to be more efficient."

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## Okinawa voting on US military base relocation

Associated Press

TOKYO — Okinawans Sunday were voting on a plan for a U.S. military base relocation in a referendum that will send a message on how they feel about housing American troops in Japan.

The referendum is technically not binding, but interest is high for testing the public sentiment about the plan to relocate Futenma air base.

A replacement base is on coastal landfill in an area called Henoko. Critics say wildlife such as coral reefs and the dugong will be hurt.

About 1.16 million residents are eligible to vote.

## US: 2 al-Shabab militants killed in Somalia strikes

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — The United States military says it has killed two al-Shabab extremists in four airstrikes in Somalia.

The attacks eliminated checkpoints and facilities used by al-Shabab to collect taxes to fund their violent campaign in Somalia, said a statement Sunday from U.S. Africa Command.

According to the statement, two airstrikes on Saturday hit the Kunyow Barrow area, about 155 miles southwest of the capital, Mogadishu. Another strike was in the Awdeele area, about 31 miles west of Mogadishu and a fourth was near Janaale, about 46 miles southwest of Mogadishu.

No civilians were injured or killed in the attacks, said the statement.

With those four airstrikes, the U.S. military has carried out at least 16 such airstrikes this year in Somalia against al-Shabab.

## EUROPE

# DODEA students go head-to-head in a spelling bee

By WILL MORRIS  
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RAMSTEIN, Germany — It started with the word “barley” and 25 eager students. It ended more than three hours — and some 31 anxiety-filled rounds — later, with one student left standing waving his fists in the air.

Robert Rasmussen, 13, a seventh-grade student at Netzbürg Middle School and the son of two Department of Defense Education Activity educators, sealed his victory at the 2019 European PTA Spelling Bee with the word “quaff.”

His closest competitor, Nicholas Biega, a student at Landstuhl Elementary/Middle School, was taken out seconds earlier by “poplin” a word for a clothing material made of cotton.

By the rules of the Bee, Robert had to spell “quaff” correctly, or Nicholas, despite his spelling mistake, would have gotten a second chance to continue in the competition.

After winning, Robert said he wasn’t totally sure he was spelling “quaff” right even as each letter left his mouth. He had heard the word only once and had never used it before, not to mention ever doing it in real life. Although quaff means to drink heartily, it is a term usually reserved for references to alcoholic beverages, typically beer.

“I was thinking, ‘I have a 50-50 chance to get it,’” Robert said. Robert endured some 30 other rounds, spelling out a litany of words ranging in difficulty from “kith,” of the “kith and kin” variety, to “hawthorn,” a shrub.



WILL MORRIS/Stars and Stripes

**Nicholas Biega, a student at Landstuhl Elementary/Middle School, listens to a judge answer a question about the history of a word during the 2019 European PTA Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday.**

Robert will now be sent to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington on May 26-31.

Students came from all over Europe, third through eighth grade, to compete in the Bee. One student, Damia Azlan, a fifth-grader from Ankara Elementary/High School came from Turkey.

All the students had won a spelling contest at their own

school before moving on to the regional competition. The students were then given a 300-word spelling list but also had to be ready to spell any word in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

Students were eliminated on a regular basis throughout the competition until round 12 when only five remained.

The students then fought each other successfully until round 17,

when Madeline Sword, of Grafenwoehr Elementary, stumbled on the word “midding.” Jonnen Messer, last year’s winner, fell out when he misspelled “divvy.” Asenath Wetzel misspelled “lo-cution” in round 25, leaving Robert and Nicholas to battle each other for six more tension-filled rounds.

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# Rota again among winners of cheerleading championship

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WIESBADEN, Germany — The noise in the Clay Kaserne Fitness Center here Saturday morning was deafening — and championship basketball was still hours away.

The sound of the early bird crowd at times was roused to a fever pitch by the athletic and spirited displays put on by the 19 cheer squads competing in the Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe’s annual cheerleading championships.

With routines that included high-flying poyntails, running backflips and pyramids that mostly held steady, there was rarely a dull moment in a competition combining stunts, dance and cheer.

The judges crowned two new champions — Stuttgart in Division I and Sigonella in Division III — while Division II perennial winner Rota held on to the top spot for the fourth year in a row.

The victory was bittersweet for the Admirals. Longtime cheer coach Ruthanne Bloyd is retiring, capping a 17-year coaching career at Rota that garnered 11 cheer titles.

“There’s no better way to go out,” a teary-eyed Bloyd said while celebrating with her squad. “This is fantastic for the kids. I can’t imagine ending it with a different group.”

Bloyd said teamwork and commitment was key to Rota’s enduring success. That team mentality sparked Rota’s victory on the mat, said senior Megan Shaw.

“You have to work together,” she said.

“It’s a whole domino effect,” added Savanna Matteson, a Rota junior. If one little thing goes wrong, “everything will come down.”

This year’s competition was particularly close, said Leslie Atkins, the cheer tournament director.



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**Rota cheerleaders show off their winning Division II routine at the DODEA-Europe cheerleading championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Saturday.**

“There weren’t any teams that were way out on top or way down at the bottom,” she said.

Atkins said she saw skills on par with those one might see at a national cheer competition.

But the level of difficulty in stunts is not the sole criteria judges use in scoring. Execution is also important, Atkins said.

“We don’t want people throwing tricks they can’t safely do,” she said. “We have people who have never cheered before who join these teams.”

Other scoring elements include creativity and how well a squad’s cheer engaged

the crowd. “Is it crowd effective? Not just ‘was it cool?’” Atkins said.

For Stuttgart, the win was its first since 2015, when the school was called Patch. Wiesbaden, runner-up in Division I, had held the title for the last three years.

Sigonella, Division III champions in 2017, climbed back on top after finishing third last year.

“I’m so proud of this team, oh my gosh,” gushed Sigonella senior captain Natasha Estes. “The season was really, really hard for us.”

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**American Overseas School of Rome senior Serena Otto cheers with her team at the cheerleading championships on Saturday.**

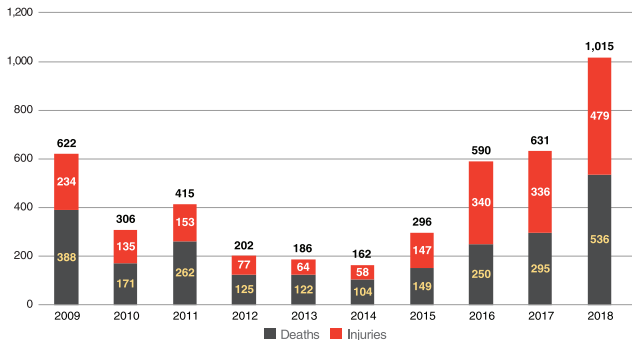


**Spangdahlem sophomore Karliyah Marignault holds up a prop during the DODEA cheerleading championships.**



# WAR ON TERRORISM

## Afghan civilian deaths and injuries from aerial operations January 2009-December 2018



SOURCE: United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

NOGA AHR/RAW/Stars and Stripes

## Casualties: UN, NATO numbers differ

### FROM FRONT PAGE

However, pro-government forces — which include the U.S. military — were shown to have killed more Afghan children last year than their adversaries, which UNAMA said was largely due to U.S. airstrikes.

Responding to Sunday's report, the U.S.-led NATO mission in Afghanistan said "all feasible precautions" are taken to limit civilian casualties and that it investigates all allegations. According to NATO investigations, airstrikes by foreign forces caused 117 civilian casualties last year, including 62 deaths. That's about a fifth of the U.N's tally.

In a statement of its own, the Taliban called UNAMA's report "one-sided."

Despite the growing number of civilian casualties, the report did acknowledge efforts by U.S. and Afghan forces and the Taliban to protect civilians.

A ramped-up bombing campaign has been part of the Trump administration's strategy for pushing the Taliban to the negotiating table. The U.S. dropped more munitions over the country last year than the previous three years combined, according to Air Force data.

Airstrikes by Afghan and international forces killed approximately the same number of Afghan civilians in 2018 as the collective total of the previous three years, the UNAMA report revealed.

UNAMA said it was "particularly concerned by the number of civilian deaths from aerial operations" last year, adding that international military forces — namely the U.S., which is the only foreign country officially conducting strikes in Afghanistan — were responsible for the majority of civilian casualties caused by such operations.

The increase in airstrikes and a spike in militant suicide attacks were both described by the mission as key factors contributing to an 11 percent increase in civilian deaths and a 5 percent increase

in overall civilian casualties last year compared with the year before.

"2018 witnessed the highest number of civilian casualties ever recorded from suicide attacks and aerial operations," the report said.

Militants' use of improvised explosive devices in both suicide and non-suicide attacks remained the leading cause of civilian casualties, accounting for more than

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40 percent of the total, UNAMA said. "The conflict in Afghanistan continues to kill far too many civilians and has caused long-lasting suffering, both physical and psychological, to countless others," U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet said. "The fact that the number of children killed this year is the highest on record is particularly shocking."

UNAMA began systematically documenting civilian casualties in Afghanistan in 2009. The mission routinely attributes more casualties to U.S. forces than the Pentagon does, citing different methodology.

The U.S. military regularly disputes UNAMA's data. The latest findings followed an annual report by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, which named Afghanistan as the deadliest conflict in the world, killing as many people last year — both civilians and combatants — as the wars in Syria and Yemen combined.

Deaths among Afghan security

forces helped contribute to the lowest number of soldiers and police recorded in the country since 2015, when foreign forces shifted from a combat mission to one focused on training and advising their Afghan counterparts. That number was published in a quarterly report last month by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, which also showed that Kabul controlled just more than half of Afghanistan's 400 districts, a slight drop from the previous quarter.

The discouraging data have been described by analysts as a boon for the Taliban as steps toward a negotiated peace settlement continue.

U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban representatives are due to continue direct talks in Qatar's capital Doha on Monday following discussions there last month during which Khalilzad said the sides had reached an agreement in principle on terms for the withdrawal of U.S. forces and a pledge by the Taliban not to harbor terrorist groups.

In his State of the Union address earlier this month, President Donald Trump said, "Great countries do not fight endless wars." Trump's apparent eagerness to withdraw American troops has led to speculation among some Afghans and analysts that the deal sought by Washington may be primarily focused on bringing the U.S. participation in the war to an end and less on ensuring conditions for a lasting peace.

Others are more optimistic. UNAMA head Tadamichi Yamamoto said the best way to stop the killing and maiming of civilians in Afghanistan is to stop the fighting.

"That is why there is all the more need now to use all our efforts to bring about peace," Yamamoto said. "I urge all parties to seize every opportunity to do so."

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## MILITARY

## Shanahan visits US-Mexico border

By ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said Saturday after visiting the U.S.-Mexico border that the government needs a broader, more effective approach to border control. He suggested the Pentagon might contribute with its expertise in surveillance and monitoring.

“How do we get out of treating the symptoms and get at the root of the issue?” Shanahan asked in an interview while flying back to Washington.

Considering how the military could reinforce efforts to block drug smuggling and other illegal activity comes as the Pentagon weighs diverting billions of dollars for President Donald Trump’s border wall.

Shanahan said he was not volunteering the Pentagon to take over any part of border control, which is the responsibility of the Department of Homeland Security. But he said his visit led him to question whether there should be a “wholesale redesign” of the way border control is done by the federal government.

Shanahan said the Pentagon is willing to continue supporting the DHS but wants to see a longer-term solution.

“I don’t want to just add resources and not fix the problem,” he said.

The Pentagon, for example, has agreed to temporarily provide active-duty troops to operate Border Patrol vehicles whose cameras can surveil wide areas along the border. Shanahan said that will free up the Border Patrol to carry out other important aspects of their mission. He said this is a



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Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan, center, fires a modified paintball gun during a tour of the U.S.-Mexico border at Santa Teresa Station in Sunland Park, N.M., on Saturday.

function that could be developed more fully with the benefit of decades of U.S. military experience with ground and aerial reconnaissance and surveillance around the world.

In addition to speaking with Border Patrol agents and other leaders during his visit, Shanahan flew in a V-22 Osprey aircraft along dozens of miles of border west of El Paso, including two areas where the DHS is proposing to replace vehicle barriers with 18-foot and 30-foot border walls.

Shanahan and the Joint Chiefs chairman, Gen. Joseph Dunford visited a border site called Monument Site 3 where a stretch of 18-foot border wall stands atop a huge landfill. They also got an up-close look at Border Patrol vehicles used

for surveillance. Vehicle-mounted surveillance cameras can see as far as 8 miles away.

During the visit Shanahan tried his hand at firing a couple of Border Patrol weapons, including one that fires plastic bullets.

The two border control sites farther west are on a list of high-priority projects the DHS submitted to Shanahan on Friday to support its request for money to pay for construction of roads, replacement of vehicle barriers and dilapidated pedestrian fencing and installation of lighting. The pedestrian fencing would include detection systems that could alert border patrol agents when someone is attempting to damage or break through the fencing. The money would come from

the Pentagon’s drug interdiction programs.

One such project proposed by the DHS, dubbed “El Paso Project 1,” includes segments of border west of El Paso, in Luna and Dona Ana counties, N.M. That is among areas the DHS cites as known drug-smuggling corridors used by Mexican cartels.

Those projects are separate from but related to those which Shanahan is expected to pay for by diverting money Congress appropriated for military construction projects. That could total as much as \$3.6 billion, although Shanahan has not yet determined the diversion is justified. His visit Saturday was meant to help him decide whether to approve such spending.

## Trump’s border wall prototypes to come down

By KATE MORRISSEY  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — President Donald Trump’s border wall prototypes will be demolished to make way for newly begun construction of a secondary barrier, according to a Customs and Border Protection spokesman.

Construction crews have already replaced most of one layer of fencing along 14 miles of the San Diego-Tijuana border and started work on the secondary fence last week.

The stretch of old secondary barrier being replaced is a little more than a mile shorter than the primary fence.

The replacement secondary barrier will run the full length of the primary one.

The eight prototypes, which Trump visited about a year ago, stand between the end of the old secondary fence and where construction crews have put up the first panels of 30-foot-tall bollards — concrete-filled steel posts placed close together — where the additional mile or so of barrier will go.

The agency said it doesn’t yet know when the prototypes will come down.

“That’s always been the plan,” the CBP spokesman said. “They just don’t serve a purpose anymore.”

The bits of wall, four made of concrete and four of other materials cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000 each.

The replacement barrier construction project is expected to last until early 2020.

## Kalashnikov, maker of AK-47, set to unleash kamikaze drones

By LIZ SLY

The Washington Post

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — The Russian company that gave the world the iconic AK-47 assault rifle has unveiled a suicide drone that may similarly revolutionize war by making sophisticated drone technology widely and cheaply available.

The Kalashnikov Group put a model of its miniature exploding drone on display last week at a major defense exhibition in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, where the world’s arms companies gather every two years to show off and market their latest wares.

The tiny item was dwarfed by the tanks, armored vehicles and fighter jets that were also on display. But it has as much potential to change the face of war as its older cousin, the AK-47, widely referred to simply as the Kalashnikov.

With its low price, high efficiency and ease of use, the Kalashnikov rifle became the weapon of choice for revolutionaries and

insurgents around the world, empowering disgruntled citizens against their governments in Latin America, Africa and Asia. It remains a potent tool to this day. The Pentagon purchases secondhand Kalashnikov rifles for its allies in Syria and Afghanistan rather than give them more expensive American-made guns.

The Kalashnikov drone — officially named the KUB-UAV — will likewise be cheap to operate, effective and simple, its manufacturers claim — and just as revolutionary. It will mark “a step toward a completely new form of combat,” said Sergey Chemezov, chairman of Russia’s state-owned Rostec arms manufacturer, which owns a controlling stake in Kalashnikov, according to Kalashnikov’s news statement on the launch.

The KUB is 4 feet wide, can fly for 30 minutes at a speed of 80 mph and carries six pounds of explosives, the news release says. That makes it roughly the size of a coffee table that can be guided to explode on a target 40 miles away — the equivalent of a “small, slow and presumably inexpensive

cruise missile,” according to a report by the National Interest website.

Whoever buys one will have the ability to steer a bomb with a high degree of accuracy unparalleled except by some of the U.S. military’s smartest bombs, said Nicholas Grossman, a professor on the export of technology mean at the University of Illinois and author of the book “Drones and Terrorism.”

Suicide drones are not new. The Islamic State pioneered the art of attaching explosives to commercially available drones and detonating them on advancing troops and enemy bases during the battles for the cities of Mosul, Iraq, and Raqqa, Syria.

The U.S. and Israeli militaries have incorporated suicide drones into their arsenals — but controls on the export of technology mean the devices aren’t shared outside of a small circle of close allies.

The KUB drone will be faster and more accurate and will deliver twice the explosive charge and have a greater range than any of the cruise missiles developed by the U.S. and Israel, he said. The devices have been patched together by



Liz Sly/The Washington Post

A model of the KUB-UAV, a new unmanned combat aerial system, is displayed at the International Defense Exhibition in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

terrorists, according to the Kalashnikov representatives at the exhibition.

And unlike U.S. and Israeli exploding drones, the KUB will be “very cheap,” said one of the Kalashnikov representatives. He declined to name the price and spoke on the condition of anonym-

ity because he was not authorized to communicate with the media.

The target market will be “smaller armies” around the world, he said, meaning the availability of the KUB will bypass controls imposed by the United States and its allies that are designed to keep weaponized drones out of the hands of their foes.



## NATION

# Key parts of Mueller's report already known

By CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller has not made a single public comment since his appointment in May 2017. But he has spoken loudly, if indirectly, in court — indictment by indictment, guilty plea by guilty plea.

In doing so, he tracked an elaborate Russian operation that injected chaos into a U.S. presidential election and tried to help Donald Trump win the White House. He followed a Republican campaign that embraced the Kremlin's help and championed stolen material to hurt a political foe. And ultimately, he revealed layers of lies, deception, self-enrichment and hubris that followed.

The full report on the investigation, believed to be in its final stages, may never be made public. That's up to Attorney General William Barr. But woven through thousands of court papers, the special counsel has made his public report. These are the key findings:

## ■ Russia tried to help Trump.

The Kremlin directed a large-scale effort to help Trump during the 2016 election.

According to U.S. intelligence agencies and lengthy indictments brought by Mueller's team, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a multiplatform influence campaign aimed at hurting Democrat Hillary Clinton's candidacy, undermining American democracy and helping Trump get elected.

That effort included the hacking of the Democratic National Committee, Clinton's campaign and other Democratic groups. Russian intelligence officers then coordinated the release of stolen emails and internal documents using the false online personas Guccifer 2.0 and DCLeaks, and later the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks. While the hacking was being carried out, Mueller has also accused a Russian troll farm, known as the Internet Research Agency, of using fake social media accounts to flood the American public with disinformation. That social media effort began in 2014 with a goal of sowing discord by trumpeting extreme positions on divisive political issues. As the presidential campaign progressed, Mueller team says the effort began supporting Trump and disparaging Clinton.

WikiLeaks has denied that Russia was the direct source of the material it released. One defendant in the troll farm case has denied the allegations.

## ■ People around Trump were receptive to the help.

Donald Trump Jr., Donald Trump confidant Roger Stone and himself all sought to benefit politically from Russian election interference.

In the middle of the campaign, Trump Jr. took a meeting at Trump Tower with a Russian lawyer thinking he would be getting an Clinton. Trump Jr. agreed to the meeting, which included Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner and Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, despite it being described as part of a Russian government effort to help his father's campaign.

Stone sought to help the Trump campaign by leaking damaging material released by WikiLeaks. After the DNC pointed the finger at Clinton in its hacking, Stone pitched himself as a WikiLeaks insider in discussions with the Trump campaign.

According to Mueller, Trump's campaign kept in contact with Stone about the timing and content of any releases of Clinton documents that could be damaging to her

campaign.

Trump himself also publicly welcomed Russia's help. During a political rally, Trump called on Russia's hackers to help find emails scrubbed from Clinton's private server, saying, "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing."

Court documents show that on that same day, Russian intelligence officers tried to hack into email accounts hosted at a domain used by Clinton's personal office, as well as email addresses used by her campaign.

## ■ Trump was trying to do business in Russia during the campaign.

In fact, he wanted to build a Trump Tower in Moscow.

Court documents in the case of Trump's longtime lawyer, Michael Cohen, show the Trump Organization pursued the project even after Trump had secured the Republican presidential nomination. As part of that effort, Cohen spoke with an assistant to the Kremlin's spokesman about finding the land and financing for the building's construction. He also pitched Trump on visiting Russia during the campaign as part



Stone

of the business proposal.

The potential deal ultimately fell through, but Cohen discussed the project with Trump and his family even as the GOP candidate was publicly claiming that he had nothing to do with Russia.

## ■ His close advisers sought Russian back channels during the transition.

The moves violated a long-standing norm in American democracy of "one president at a time."

Former national security adviser Michael Flynn, in particular, was the main conduit, according to court documents.

In the waning weeks of the Obama administration, Flynn had several conversations with Sergey Kislyak, Russia's ambassador to the U.S., involving two issues important to Mueller: On Dec. 22, 2016, at Kushner's direction, Flynn asked Kislyak to delay or vote against a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements, a request Russia rebuffed.

A couple of days later, President Barack Obama imposed sanctions on Russia in response to its election interference efforts. But in discussions with Kislyak, Flynn asked that Russia not escalate the situation and only respond "in a reciprocal manner."

Putin ultimately decided not to respond in kind, which Kislyak said was the result of Flynn's request.

## ■ Lots of people around Trump lied to investigators.

His national security adviser, campaign chairman, personal lawyer and three other aides or advisers have been accused of lying to federal agents or Congress.

Many of the lies cut to the heart of the investigation.

Flynn lied about his contacts with Kislyak. Cohen lied about the Trump Tower Moscow deal.

Former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos lied about



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Robert Mueller, the special counsel probing Russian interference in the 2016 election, departs Capitol Hill in June 2017 following a closed-door meeting.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort arrives at federal court in Washington in December 2017.

## Special counsel to judge: Manafort 'repeatedly and brazenly' broke law

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller told the judge in Washington who will soon sentence Paul Manafort that President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman "repeatedly and brazenly violated the law" and that his prison term should take into account the "gravity" of his conduct.

Manafort is scheduled to be sentenced separately March 8 in Virginia and March 13 in Washington. He could be sentenced to as long as 10 years in prison in the Washington case.

His contacts with Russian intermediaries who appeared to know ahead of time about Russia's stealing of Clinton's emails.

Mueller has also accused Stone of lying to Congress about his discussions regarding WikiLeaks, though Stone has denied any wrongdoing.

## ■ Still, no direct evidence of criminal

Mueller filed a sentencing memo Saturday, eight days after his prosecutors told a judge in Alexandria, Va., that the former international political strategist faces 19 years to 24 years for his conviction there on bank- and tax-fraud charges. Manafort was Trump's campaign chairman from May to August 2016.

"His criminal actions were bold" and some "were committed while under a spotlight due to his work as the campaign chairman and, later, while he was on bail from this court," attorneys from the special counsel's office wrote.

## conspiracy with Russia.

Mueller brought charges against more than 30 defendants but he hasn't charged any Americans, let alone Trump associates, with actively conspiring with the Russia government during the 2016 campaign. That includes Stone, who has dismissed the charges against him as "process crimes."

# NATION

## Prosecutors allege R. Kelly met minor girl during '08 trial

By MICHAEL TARM  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — While on trial for child pornography in 2008, R. Kelly still found time to talk to fans, give autographs and to meet an underage girl he later invited to his home, according to prosecutors who depicted the rhythm and blues star as manipulative and sometimes violent.

Other accusers included a girl who met Kelly at her 16th birthday party and a hairdresser who expected to braided the singer's hair only to find that he wanted oral sex instead, court documents said.

The accounts emerged Saturday as Kelly made his first court appearance since being accused of sexually abusing four people in a case that could produce another #MeToo reckoning for a celebrity.

A judge gave Kelly, 52, a chance to go free while awaiting trial, setting bond at \$1 million. That means the Grammy winner must post \$100,000 to be released or remain in custody until he is tried on the allegations that date back as far as 1998 and span more than a decade.

The prosecution released four detailed documents — one for each accuser — outlining the basis for the charges.

The 16-year-old girl who attended Kelly's trial got his autograph after a court session. He later invited her to his home in the Chicago suburb of Olympia Fields, where they had sex multiple times, according to the documents, which said he also slapped, choked and spit on her.

In 1998, another girl reported meeting Kelly at a restaurant where she was having a 16th birthday party. Kelly's manager gave her the singer's business card and suggested she call Kelly. The girl's mother heard the exchange, took the card and told the manager her daughter was 16.

But her daughter later retrieved the card from her purse. She con-

tacted Kelly, who gave her instructions and money that she assumed was for the taxi fare to his studio, where they had sex periodically for a year, the documents said.

In early 2003, a Chicago hairdresser told prosecutors that she thought she was going to braid Kelly's hair, but he pulled down his pants and instead tried to force her to give him oral sex. The woman, who was 24, was able to pull away, but Kelly ejaculated on her and spit in her face, the documents said.

Prosecutors also described a witness who had access to videotapes showing Kelly having sex with a 14-year-old girl. The witness turned a tape over to authorities and identified the girl, who repeatedly stated her age on the footage, according to the documents.

Kelly's DNA was found in semen on one of the accuser's shirts, and semen found on a shirt worn by another was submitted for DNA testing, Cook County state's attorney Kim Foxx said. It was not clear when the accusers turned the shirts over to authorities, whether it was shortly after the abuse or more recently.

At the bond hearing, Kelly's attorney, Steve Greenberg, said his client is not a flight risk. He told the judge, "Contrary to the song, Mr. Kelly doesn't like to fly." One of Kelly's best-known hits is "I Believe I Can Fly."

Greenberg said Kelly "really doesn't have any more money," suggesting that others had mismanaged his wealth. Still, he said he expected that Kelly would be able to come up with enough money for bail.

The judge called the allegations "disturbing." The singer-songwriter looked down at the floor as the judge spoke.

After the hearing, Greenberg told reporters that Kelly did not force anyone to have sex.

"He's a rock star. He doesn't have to have nonconsensual sex," Greenberg said.

## Body recovered from site of cargo plane crash in Texas

Associated Press

ANAHUAC, Texas — Search and recovery crews have recovered one body from the site where a Boeing 767 cargo plane crashed into a coastal bay near Houston with three people aboard.

The Chambers County Sheriff's Office said on Facebook that the body was recovered late Saturday night from the waters of Trinity Bay.

Atlas Air said it was flying flight

3591 for Amazon. The jumbo jet had departed from Miami and was likely moments from landing at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston when witnesses said it crashed nose first into the bay. The crash happened about 12:45 p.m. Saturday about 35 miles east of Houston.

Aside from crewmembers, the searchers are focused on finding and recovering the black boxes investigators hope will provide clues to the cause of the crash.



ROELVO V. SOLIS/AP

A backhoe is used to remove fallen tree limbs in a Columbus, Miss., neighborhood Sunday morning after a tornado passed through Saturday.

## 2 deaths confirmed as violent weekend storms smack South

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Miss. — Weekend storms raked parts of the Southeast, leaving two deaths and injuries in their wake as a tornado smashed into a commercial district in a small Mississippi city and drenching rains fed a rising flood threat.

A woman was killed when a tornado hit Columbus, Miss., and a man died when he drove into floodwaters in Tennessee, officials said.

The tornado Saturday afternoon in Columbus was confirmed on radar, said meteorologist Anna Wolverson, with the National Weather Service in Jackson. She told The Associated Press that experts were going Sunday to the east Mississippi city of about 23,000 people to gauge the tornado's intensity.

A woman died after a building collapsed on her and three other people, the Columbus mayor's office said Sunday in a statement

on Facebook, citing information from Lowndes County Coroner Greg Merchant. The statement said Ashley Glynnell Pounds, 41, of Tupelo, was with three other people when the building collapsed Saturday evening. The statement gave no information on the condition of the other three people.

In Knox County, Tenn., officials said a man died after his vehicle became submerged in high water. The sheriff's office said emergency crews got the man out of his vehicle and took him to a hospital, but he was later pronounced dead.

At First Pentecostal Church in Columbus, the Rev. Steve Blaylock said the building was "a total loss," with a wall pushed in, holes in the roof and substantial water damage. He and his congregants were trying to salvage what they could on the morning after the storm.

But he said they still would hold a Sunday prayer service and even planned to go ahead with a scheduled baptism, using a borrowed portable baptismal pool.

"We will rebuild. We've got a good church here," Blaylock said.

Columbus Mayor Robert Smith Sr. said 12 people were injured, but the injuries did not appear to be major. City spokesman Joe Dillon said the tornado also seriously damaged a school and two community center buildings.

Residents of one street on the east side of Columbus were out early Sunday morning with chain saws, clearing away branches of the many trees that had snapped or were uprooted in the storm. Metal siding and roofing material was scattered throughout the neighborhood of older homes. While the houses generally remained standing, sheds and outbuildings were mostly demolished.

Lee Lawrence, who said he has been selling used cars for decades in Columbus, told the AP that four buildings on his car lot were destroyed. He said trees toppled across vehicles and car windows were blown out.

## Charges dismissed in waterslide death

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — A judge dismissed criminal charges Friday against a Kansas water park owner and the designer of a 17-story slide on which a young boy was decapitated in 2016.

Wyandotte County Judge Robert Burns cited improper evidence in dropping second-degree murder charges against Schlitterbahn owner Jeff Henry, designer John Schooley and general contractor Henry and Sons Construction Co. The judge also dismissed an involuntary manslaughter charge against operations manager Tyler Miles, The Kansas City Star reported.

They were charged after Caleb Schwab, 10, died while riding the waterslide, which was marketed as the world's tallest slide.

"The court has grave doubts as to whether the irregularities

and improprieties improperly influenced the grand jury and, ultimately, bolstered its decision to indict these defendants," Burns said. "Quite simply, these defendants were not afforded the due process protections and fundamental fairness Kansas law requires."

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said in a statement that his office, which prosecuted the case, was disappointed and "respectfully disagrees" with Burns' ruling.

"We will review the ruling carefully, including the court's observation that the ruling 'does not preclude the possibility that the state could continue to pursue this matter in a criminal court,' and take a fresh look at the evidence and applicable law in this tragic and troubling case to determine the best course for-

ward," Schmidt said.

Caleb was killed on the Ver-ruckt in 2016 when the raft he was riding went airborne and hit a metal pole. Two women who were with him in the raft were seriously injured. The slide never operated again and has been torn down.

Burns noted the tragedy of Caleb's death.

"I obviously recognize that the circumstances and events giving rise to these indictments are indisputably tragic," Burns said. "A young child's life was lost and his troubling death was mourned by family, friends and the entire Kansas City community and beyond."

Schlitterbahn spokeswoman Winter Prospero said in a statement: "We welcome today's decision, which dismissed the charges against all defendants. We are thankful for all the support and encouragement we've received."



## WORLD

## Venezuela in deadly standoff; troops block aid

BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO  
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CUCUTA, Colombia — A U.S.-backed drive to deliver foreign aid to Venezuela met strong resistance as troops loyal to President Nicolas Maduro blocked the convoys at the border and fired tear gas on protesters in clashes that left two people dead and some 300 injured.

As night fell Saturday, opposition leader Juan Guaido refrained from asking supporters to continue risking their lives trying to break through the government's barricades at the Colombian and Brazilian borders. Instead, he said he would meet U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on Monday in Bogotá at an emergency meeting of mostly conservative Latin American governments to discuss Venezuela's crisis.

But he did make one last appeal to troops to let the aid in and urged the international community to keep "all options open" in the fight to oust Maduro given Saturday's violence.

"How many of you national guardsmen have a sick mother? How many have kids in school without food?" he said, standing alongside a warehouse in the Colombian city of Cucuta where 600 tons of mostly U.S.-supplied boxes of food and medicine have been stockpiled. "You don't owe any obedience to a sadist... who has decided the death of humanitarian aid the country needs."

Earlier, Maduro, who considers the aid part of a coup plot and has refused to let it in, struck a defiant tone, breaking diplomatic



FERNANDO VERGARA/AP

Venezuelans work Sunday to remove a roadblock created by Venezuelan National Guards on the Simon Bolivar International Bridge in La Parada, near Cucuta, Colombia, on the border with Venezuela.

relations with Colombia and accusing its "fascist" government of serving as a staging ground for a U.S.-led effort to oust him from power and possibly a military invasion.

"My patience has run out," Maduro said, speaking at a rally of red-shirted supporters in Caracas and giving Colombian diplomats 24 hours to leave the

country.

Throughout a turbulent Saturday, as police and protesters squared off on two bridges connecting Venezuela to Colombia, Guaido made repeated calls for the military to join him in the fight against Maduro's "dictatorship." Colombian authorities said more than 60 soldiers answered his call and deserted their posts, though

most were lower in rank and didn't appear to dent the higher command's continued loyalty to Maduro's socialist government.

At one point, a group of activists led by exiled lawmakers managed to escort three flatbed trucks of aid past the halfway point into Venezuela, but they were repelled by security forces. In a flash, the cargo caught fire,

with some eyewitnesses claiming the National Guardsmen doused a tarp covering the boxes with gas before setting it on fire. As a black cloud rose above, the activists — protecting their faces from the fumes with vinegar-soaked cloths — unloaded the boxes by hand in a human chain stretching back to the Colombian side of the bridge.

"They burned the aid and fired on their own people," said David Hernandez, 39, who was hit in the forehead with a tear gas canister that left a bloody wound and growing welt. "That's the definition of dictatorship."

The clashes started well before Guaido straddled a semi-truck and waved to supporters in a ceremonial send-off of the aid convoy from Cucuta. In the Venezuelan border town of Urena, residents began removing yellow metal barricades and barbed wire blocking the Santander bridge. Some were masked youths who threw rocks and later commandeered a city bus and set it afire.

At the Simon Bolivar bridge, a group of aid volunteers in blue vests calmly walked up to a police line and shook officers' hands, appealing for them to join their fight.

But the goodwill was fleeting and a few hours later the volunteers were driven back with tear gas, triggering a stampede.

A video provided by Colombian authorities showed three soldiers at the Simon Bolivar bridge wading through a crowd with their assault rifles and pistols held above their heads in a sign of surrender. The young soldiers were then ordered to lie face down on

## Pope calls for battle against sexual abuse; victims decry lack of specifics

BY CHICO HARLAN  
*The Washington Post*

VATICAN CITY — At a Mass marking the end of an unprecedented Vatican summit, Pope Francis on Sunday called for an "all-out battle" against clerical sexual abuse, saying the church needed to take "every necessary measure" to end the scourge.

But his remarks were short on specifics and roundly criticized by victims of abuse, who said the four-day summit amounted to a training seminar that concluded with no concrete steps and advocated for behavioral changes that should have been obvious years ago.

Speaking at a gilded and frescoed hall at the Vatican, Francis said that abuse should never be "covered up" or tolerated. But the pontiff's words, which included general calls for improved national-level guidelines, underscored the looming challenges for an institution that has long acknowledged the seriousness of clerical abuse but nonetheless struggled to curtail it.

Francis mentioned unspeci-

fied "legislation" that the Catholic Church will draw up, and said it will "spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice" anyone who has committed the "crimes" of abuse. He did not mention a zero tolerance policy — a step that advocates have long called for to codify the idea that clerics found guilty of abuse be removed permanently from the priesthood.

The pope had called for the abuse summit while facing abuse-related scandals on multiple continents — stemming from cases that sometimes showed the complicity of church higher-ups in protecting abusers.

At the start of the summit Thursday, Francis had called for "concrete and effective measures" to contend with the problem. Though some of the Vatican's handpicked speakers described their ideas for such measures, it is clear that any follow-through will have to come in the months and years ahead — if at all.

The event organizers have said they will remain in Rome in the coming days to discuss some of the ideas aired at the summit.

"I don't think we can rely on the institution to clean up its act," said Peter Saunders, a sex abuse survivor and former member of the pope's commission on the protection of minors. He said the pontiff's speech was "lukewarm" and made points "he has been talking about for years."

"There hasn't been any firm commitment to eject from the church the perpetrators of this crime," Saunders said.

Instead, in a speech heavily footnoted with data from international organizations, the Argentine pontiff spoke in sweeping terms about abuse, describing the underlying reasons victims are fearful to speak out and the fallout they face as adults, including "bitterness" and "suicide."

Parts of his speech had little to do with the church, and he mentioned how abuse can take place within families, schools and athletic families and how the digital world adds new dangers for young people.

But, Francis said, the "world-wide phenomenon" of abuse is "all the more grave and scandal-



VINCENZO PINTO/AP

Pope Francis attends a penitential liturgy at the Vatican on Saturday.

ous in the church," incompatible with its "moral authority and ethical credibility."

"We are dealing with abominable crimes that must be erased from the face of the earth," he said.

While it is unclear what steps the Vatican will take next, some speakers at this four-day meeting placed an emphasis on anti-abuse rulemaking at the national and local levels — something Francis specifically mentioned Sunday. National episcopal conferences

were asked in 2011 to draw up such protocols, but not all followed through with the request. Others have guidelines that leave loopholes for properly responding to abuse cases.

Earlier Sunday in a homily, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, of Brisbane, Australia, said the leaders in the church "have been our own worst enemy."

"A mission stretches before us — a mission demanding not just words but real concrete action," Coleridge said.

## WORLD

# EU, Arab League hold first summit

By LORNE COOK  
Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt — Leaders from European Union and Arab League countries are holding their first-ever summit, meeting in the Egyptian resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh to discuss migration, security and business deals.

Under tight security on the Red Sea coast, the leaders are likely to commit to addressing conflicts in Syria and Yemen or stalled Middle East peace efforts while papering over major differences about how to resolve them or who might be responsible.

Amid this public display of unity, just drafting a summit statement has proved difficult. EU and Arab League foreign ministers failed to agree earlier this month on a text after Hungary objected to the section on migration.

Europe's migration challenge is at the heart of the two-day meeting, being held under the slogan "Investing in Stability." Desperate to bring migrant arrivals under

control, the EU offered the summit last October as a symbolic sweetener to Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, much as they did with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in 2015.

The EU wants el-Sissi to order the Egyptian coast guard to pick up migrants leaving Libya and take them back to the African mainland, ensuring they do not become Europe's responsibility. El-Sissi, in turn, receives high-profile European recognition and promotion for Sharm el-Sheikh. He is likely to avoid any lessons on human rights.

While the number of people crossing the central Mediterranean has dropped to a seven-year low, Europe's inability to agree on how to manage the arrivals has sparked a major political crisis as nations bicker over who should take responsibility and whether other EU partners should help out. Some, like Hungary Prime Minister Viktor Orban, claim that extremists are entering among the refugees.



A TV cameraman works at the Sharm el-Sheikh convention center Saturday in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, where leaders from European Union and Arab countries are holding their first-ever summit.

FRANCISCO SESCO/AP

Just days before the summit, the head of the EU's border and coast guard agency praised the authorities in Cairo for preventing any migrant from setting out for Europe from the Egyptian coast since 2016.

"There are no boats coming directly from Egypt to the European Union," Frontex Director Fabrice Leggeri said. "The cooperation with Egypt is really encouraging and is developing."

The EU routinely trumpets an agreement it reached with Erdogan for slowing migrant arrivals to a trickle in exchange for up to \$7 billion in aid for Syrian refugees there and other incentives. It has pledged to replicate the deal in northern Africa.

Ahead of this inaugural sum-

mit, experts and European officials played down any expectation of major results.

"The timing is very important because it comes after eight years of instability in the Mediterranean affecting Europe and the Middle East," Saeed Sadek, professor of political sociology at the Canadian University in Cairo, told The Associated Press.

"Both sides want to know how can we stabilize the area further, produce stability, how can we deal with the consequences and prevent any further escalations," said Sadek. "But the imbalance of power between the two sides may not produce the concrete results that people imagine."

## Saudis appoint first female ambassador

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia appointed its first female ambassador early Sunday to serve as its top diplomat in the United States, pulling a son of King Salman back to the kingdom to serve as deputy defense minister amid deteriorating ties with America after the killing of Jamal Khashoggi.

Princess Reema bint Bandar Al Saud, a daughter of the kingdom's longtime ambassador to Washington, Bandar bin Sultan Al Saud, faces a stark challenge in improving ties between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

She replaces Prince Khalid bin Salman Al Saud, a son of King Salman and a former fighter pilot who insisted after Khashoggi's disappearance Oct. 2 that The Washington Post columnist simply left the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul.

## Officer, rebel killed in Kashmir gunbattle

SRINAGAR, India — A counter-terrorism police officer and a rebel were killed during a gun battle in Kashmir on Sunday, officials said, as shops and businesses shut down to protest a sweeping and ongoing crackdown against activists seeking the end of Indian rule in the disputed region.

The fighting triggered large anti-India protests and clashes as hundreds of residents thronged a village in the southern Kulgam area while barraging troops with stones. An army officer was injured in the fighting, which was still raging later Sunday.

## Moldovans vote in parliamentary election

CHISINAU, Moldova — Moldovans voted Sunday in a parliamentary election that could deepen the split between pro-West and pro-Russia forces in the former Soviet republic.

The election in Moldova, a small landlocked nation between Romania and Ukraine, comes as the Democratic Party's ruling alliance has lost support over rampant corruption, falling living standards and the erosion of democracy.

The vote is a three-way contest between the broadly pro-Russia opposition Socialists, whose former leader, Igor Dodon, became Moldova's president in 2016, the Democrats and a pro-European group, ACUM.

## Hijacking foiled on Dubai-bound flight

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A flight bound for Dubai from Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, made an emergency landing Sunday in Chittagong, Bangladesh, after a man attempted to hijack the plane, officials said.

The suspect, a Bangladeshi, asked to speak to the country's prime minister before dying from injuries in an exchange of gunfire with military commandos, officials said.

All 143 passengers and seven crewmembers aboard the Boeing 737-800 were safely evacuated. Air Vice Marshal Mofidur Rahman said at a news conference.

From The Associated Press

# Nigeria counts ballots as nation awaits outcome

By KARA ANNA  
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Associated Press

KANO, Nigeria — Some polling stations remained open across Nigeria on Sunday as vote counting continued in most of the country following Saturday's presidential election, which is widely seen as a tight race between the president and a former vice president.

Although voting was peaceful in most areas of Nigeria on Saturday, there were a few outbreaks of violence in the vast West African country and many reports of delays that compelled electoral officials to reopen polling stations Sunday.

Many polling stations remained open after dark to allow people waiting in line to vote.

Voting was still taking place "in several places" across Nigeria, Oluwole Osaze-Uzzi, a spokesman for the electoral commission, told The Associated Press. He gave no more details, but local media reports cited voting lines in the states of Plateau, Jigawa and Nasarawa.

More than 72 million people were eligible to vote.



People shop under a campaign billboard for leading opposition presidential candidate Atiku Abubakar in Yola, Nigeria, on Sunday as vote counting continued after Saturday's presidential election.

SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

President Muhammad Buhari, a former military ruler who won the election in 2015, is seeking his second term against more than 70 candidates. His main rival is Atiku Abubakar, a former vice president and billionaire businessman.

Many Nigerians, appalled that their country recently became the world leader in the number of people living in extreme poverty, said the election will be decided by economic issues. Nigeria suffered a rare, monthlong recession under Buhari when global oil

prices crashed, with unemployment growing significantly to 23 percent and inflation in the double digits.

Abubakar's party is alleging "deliberate" voter suppression in areas where Buhari's party is known to be unpopular.

# Iran says it launched cruise missile from sub during drill

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran says it has launched a cruise missile from a submarine for the first time during an ongoing annual military drill in the Strait of Hormuz.

The semi-official Fars news agency reported the launch on Sunday and released an image showing a green submarine on the surface of the water launching an orange missile. It said several submarines have the same capability.

Iran frequently touts its military arsenal, much of which is manufactured locally because of international sanctions.

The Strait of Hormuz, at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, is a crucial bottleneck for global en-

ergy supplies, with about a third of all oil traded by sea passing through it.

Tensions have risen since the U.S. withdrew from Iran's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers and restored wide-ranging sanctions.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# China's Huawei unveils 5G folding-screen phone

By KELVIN CHAN

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — China's Huawei unveiled a new folding-screen phone Sunday, joining the latest trend for bendable devices as it challenges the global smartphone market's dominant players, Apple and Samsung.

Huawei revealed its Mate X phone on the eve of the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, a four-day showcase of mobile devices, as the company battles U.S. allegations it is a cybersecurity risk.

The device can be used on superfast next-generation mobile networks that are due to come on-line in the coming years.

Device makers are looking to folding screens as the industry's next big thing to help them break out of an innovation malaise, although most analysts think the market is limited, at least in the early days.

The Mate X is the answer to a question Huawei faced as it sought



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

**Huawei CEO Richard Yu displays the new Huawei Mate X foldable 5G smartphone at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, on Sunday.**

to satisfy smartphone users' demands for bigger screens and longer battery life, said Richard Yu, CEO of its consumer business group.

The Mate X will sell for \$2,600 when it goes on sale by midyear. That's even more than Samsung's recently revealed Galaxy Fold, priced at nearly \$2,000.

The Mate X's screen wraps around the outside so users can still view it when it's closed, unlike the Galaxy Fold, which has a screen that folds shut. Unfolded, the Mate X's screen is 8 inches diagonally, making it the size of a small tablet.

Yu said Huawei engineers spent three years working on the device's hinge, which doesn't leave a gap when shut.

"No matter how innovative and technology-advanced the new device is, it will take a lot more time for a critical mass of consumers to experience the benefits of foldable phones and 5G technology," Forrester analyst Thomas Huxson said. Huawei still "has to find its own brand voice to differentiate from Samsung and Apple and stop acting as a technology challenger."

Huawei Technologies is trying to

raise its profile in the fiercely competitive smartphone market. Almost everyone with a smartphone has heard of Apple and Samsung, the top device makers, and Google, the power behind Android's pervasive software.

Huawei, a Chinese company with a name many people in the West don't know how to pronounce (it's "HWA-way"), wants to join the market's upper echelon.

It's getting close. Samsung was the No. 1 smartphone seller for all of last year, followed by Apple, according to research firm International Data Corp. Huawei came third, though in some quarters it took second place, IDC data showed.

The company stealthily became an industry star by plowing into new markets, honing its technology and developing a lineup of phones that offer affordable options for low-income households and luxury models that are siphoning upstart sales from Apple and Samsung in China and Europe.

But Huawei's products are few

and far between in the U.S. The scarcity stems from long-running security concerns that the company could facilitate digital espionage on behalf of China's government.

The cloud over Huawei also includes U.S. criminal charges filed last month against the company and its chief financial officer, Meng Wanzhou, who U.S. prosecutors want to extradite from Canada.

They accuse her of fraud and say the company stole trade secrets, including technology that mobile carrier T-Mobile used to test smartphones.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 25)	\$1.1640
Dollar buys (Feb. 25)	69.8591
British pound (Feb. 25)	\$1.34
Japanese yen (Feb. 25)	108.00
South Korean won (Feb. 25)	1,097.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
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Canada (dollar)	1.3191
China (Yuan)	6.7616
Denmark (Krone)	6.5833
Egypt (Pound)	17.5391
Euro	\$1.1335/0.8822
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Hungary (Forint)	260.47
Israel (Shekel)	3.6157
Japan (Yen)	110.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3036
Norway (Krone)	8.6145
Philippines (Peso)	52.08
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7495
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3520
Singapore (Won)	1,123.46
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0007
Thailand (Baht)	3.1133
Turkey (New Lira)	6.3311
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Prime rate	5.50
Discount rate	3.00
Federated market rate	4.40
3-month bill	2.39
30-year bond	3.02

## Cameras in airlines' seat-back screens not in use yet

Associated Press

Now there is one more place where cameras could start watching you — from 30,000 feet.

Newer seat-back entertainment systems on some airplanes operated by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and Singapore Airlines have cameras, and it's likely they are also on planes used by other carriers.

All four airlines said that they have never activated the cameras and have no plans to use them.

However, companies that make

the entertainment systems are installing cameras to offer future options such as seat-to-seat video conferencing, according to an American Airlines spokesman.

A passenger on a Singapore flight posted a photo of the seat-back display last week, and the tweet was shared several hundred times and drew media notice. Buzzfeed first reported that the cameras are also on some American planes.

A United spokeswoman repeatedly told a reporter Friday that

none of its entertainment systems had cameras before apologizing and saying that some did. On Saturday, Delta also said some of its in-flight entertainment screens have the cameras.

The airlines stressed that they didn't add the cameras — manufacturers embedded them in the entertainment systems. American's systems are made by Panasonic, while Singapore uses Panasonic and Thales, according to airline representatives. Neither Panasonic nor Thales responded

immediately for comment.

While the airlines say they have no plans to use the cameras, a Twitter user named Vitaly Kamuk, who snapped the photo of the camera on his Singapore flight, suggested that just to be sure the carriers should slap stickers over the lenses.

"The cameras are probably not used now," he tweeted. "But if they are wired, operational, bundled with mic, it's a matter of one smart hack to use them on 84+ aircrafts and spy on passengers."

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Family searches for lost pet tortoise

**NM** ROSWELL — A woman is on a desperate hunt for her disappearing pet that can't run fast and can't be missed — a 100-pound tortoise. KOB-TV reported Dusty the Turtle went missing earlier this month in Roswell after strong winds knocked open a gate that housed him.

Shana Emmert, who was pet sitting Dusty for her niece, said she believes the turtle strolled away from the backyard and into the desert during the wind storm.

According to Emmert's neighbors, Dusty was last spotted near Berrendo Creek in Roswell.

The family is offering a \$500 reward for his safe return.

## No more cow-tipping shirts sold at airport

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — The mayor of Oklahoma City is celebrating the completion of a personal mission: ridding the city's airport of cow-tipping T-shirts.

Mayor David Holt said on his Twitter account Thursday that after months of trying to end sales of shirts reading "Nothing Tips Like A Cow" at Will Rogers World Airport, the clothing has sold out and won't be restocked.

Airport spokesman Josh Ryan said Friday that the shirts with the shape of the state and a cow lying on its back were "pretty popular" for over 10 years, but "the joke has run its course."

Cow-tipping is a largely debunked legend in which rural youths sneak into a pasture at night and push over a cow that is standing but asleep.

## Letter returned to woman after 45 years

**MI** GRAND RAPIDS — A Michigan woman who wrote a letter to her family in 1974 has been reunited with the tattered note after it was finally delivered to the home where her family lived years ago.

Mary Vaughan Brady, of Grand Rapids, received the letter Thursday, WOOD-TV reported.

When the worn and stained letter turned up in his mailbox, the man who now lives at the home, Evan Koon, turned to Facebook and found Brady and personally delivered the letter.

A note from the U.S. Postal Service was attached to the letter, apologizing for the damage. There was no explanation for the delayed delivery.

Brady said she was 19 when she penned the letter while backpacking in Europe. Brady said that during the nine-week trip, she wrote her family letters chronicling what she experienced.

## Police: Woman lying in bed shot in both feet

**CT** HAMDEN — Police said a woman visiting a Connecticut home was struck in both feet by gunfire that came from outside.

Hamden police Capt. Ronald

## THE CENSUS

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The number of vehicles that police said a New Hampshire state trooper stopped in three hours Thursday while enforcing a law that requires motorists to clear snow and ice before hitting the road. He was enforcing the state's 2002 Jessica's Law, named for Jessica Smith who was killed when ice from a tractor-trailer hit a box truck that ended up hitting her car.



STEVE MELLON, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/AP

## Wild ride on ice

Josh Ko, a sophomore at Bethel Park High School and member of the school's hockey team, gives a push to Cara Stromberg, a sixth-grade student at Neil Armstrong Middle School, during a skating session at Spencer Family YMCA in the borough of Bethel Park in Pittsburgh. The hockey team skates each year with elementary and middle school students who have disabilities.

Smith said the 21-year-old woman was lying in bed in a basement apartment about 2 a.m. Friday when several shots were fired outside the building.

Hamden Fire Rescue provided medical assistance to the woman at the scene and she was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital.

## Police: Man in gorilla suit breaks in home

**LA** SULPHUR — Police said a man wearing a gorilla suit broke into a home and hid under a mattress before officers arrested him.

News outlets quoted Sulphur police spokesman Mel Estes as saying that officers saw Jeremie Moran walking through yards in the costume. He had received calls about a suspicious person looking into homes.

Estes said Moran ran into a home as officers approached and was discovered hiding. He was jailed on charges including resisting an officer, unauthorized entry, meth possession and wearing a mask.

## Former teller says she stole from customers

**MA** WORCESTER — A former teller at a Massachusetts bank pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$100,000 from several customers.

The Telegram & Gazette reported that Jessica Vargas, 35, pleaded guilty Wednesday to bank fraud and bank embezzlement.

Federal prosecutors said Vargas stole the money over a 17-month period by making unauthorized cash withdrawals from customer accounts at Athol Savings Bank.

She was caught in December 2017 when a customer noticed an unauthorized \$2,000 withdrawal.

## Museum obtains original Archie stories

**OH** COLUMBUS — The world's largest cartoon museum has announced the acquisition of dozens of complete original Archie Comics stories.

The work by the late artist Dan DeCarlo includes stories from

"Betty and Me," "Betty & Veronica," "Veronica," "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," "Josie and the Pussycats," "Cheryl Blossom" and "Jughead."

Jenny Robb, head curator at Ohio State University's Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, said the characters are an important part of popular culture history.

## Mayflower II restoration ight on schedule

**CT** MYSTIC — The restoration process for the Mayflower II is going according to schedule.

The Day reported that Whit Perry, the director of maritime preservation and operations at Plimoth Plantation, said he expects the replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to the New World in 1620 to be in the water by September.

The ship is getting a \$7.5 million makeover in time for the 2020 festivities marking the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing.

The replica, which dates to the

mid-1950s, has been in dry dock at Mystic Seaport Museum's preservation shipyard since 2016.

## 28 students sickened by pot-tainted food

**GA** ATLANTA — Five Georgia middle school students face disciplinary action for sharing drug-tainted food with other students on Valentine's Day.

WSB-TV reported Fulton County School officials said Friday the students could be suspended or expelled while school officials determine whether criminal charges will be filed.

Investigators said THC was found in a food sample taken from Sandtown Middle School where students were sent to the hospital. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation said tests showed THC, the main psychoactive component in marijuana, was found in one of the samples that "has the appearance of cereal."

School officials said 28 students were sickened.

From wire reports

## FACES

# ‘Beale Street’ wins big at Spirit Awards

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

Two years after his “Moonlight” triumphed on the eve of the Oscars, Barry Jenkins’ adaptation of the James Baldwin novel “If Beale Street Could Talk” on Saturday topped the 34th Film Independent Spirit Awards, winning best film, best director and best supporting female for Regina King.

The Spirit Awards, always a casual, oceanside preamble to Sunday’s Academy Awards, featured a few things the Oscars don’t have: a host (actress Aubrey Plaza) and female filmmaker nominees, including Tamara Jenkins (“Private Life”), Debra Granik (“Leave No Trace”) and Lynne Ramsey (“You Were Never Really Here”).

But as much as the afternoon belonged to women, Jenkins’ lyrical period drama emerged the biggest winner two years after his “Moonlight” won at the Spirits and (despite a touch of trouble with the envelopes) at the Oscars. Given his fellow nominees, even Jenkins was sheepish about it.

“I’m not gonna lie, man,” said Jenkins as he accepted the directing award. “I didn’t want to win this.”

Jenkins used his speech to instead largely urge more movies to be made with female directors and specifically credited the Scottish filmmaker Ramsey who encouraged a Jenkins as a film student — for inspiration. “This award has your DNA in it,” Jenkins said.

“Leave No Trace” and “You Were Never Really Here” won other awards, though. “You Were Never Really Here” won for its editing, Granik was honored with the Spirits’ second annual Bonnie Award, a grant for midcareer female directors. The audience gave her a standing ovation.

“I wasn’t expecting such a love bomb,” said a clearly moved Granik.

A day before many expect her to finally win her first Academy Award, best female lead went to Glenn Close for her performance in “The Wife.” Close was accom-



RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION/AP

**Regina King, winner of the award for best supporting female, left, and Barry Jenkins, winner of best director and best feature, all for “If Beale Street Could Talk,” pose in the press room at the 34th Film Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday in Santa Monica, Calif.**

panied everywhere by her loyal white Havana dog Pip: on the awards’ “blue carpet,” on stage with her, and backstage speaking to reporters. While Close accepted her award, Pip rolled on his back alongside her.

“I hope you don’t mind Pippy came up here with me,” said Close. “He’s my date.”

This year’s Spirits included fewer Oscar contenders than usual, which meant a chance, as Plaza said, for the Spirits to get back to their roots and honor “the movies that are too good to be seen.”

Their best-picture winner has often predicted Oscar-winners,

including “Moonlight,” “Spotlight,” “Birdman” and “12 Years a Slave.” But last year Jordan Peele’s “Get Out” took the Spirits’ top honor before Guillermo del Toro’s “The Shape of Water” won at the Academy Awards. This year, “Beale Street” is nominated for three Oscars but not best picture.

King, though, is the front-runner for best supporting actress. “If you haven’t seen it, go see it,” said King of “Beale Street” before chuckling. “I’m still promoting.”

The Spirit Awards limit nominees to films with budgets of \$20 million and under, eliminating bigger budget contend-

ers like “Black Panther” and “A Star Is Born.” They also focus on American movies, limiting Oscar nominees like “Roma” and “The Favourite” to the best international film category — which Alfonso Cuarón’s “Roma” won. Cuarón, whose film is favored to become the first foreign language film to win best picture on Sunday, said he believes cinema is growing more diverse, “and that will make this category irrelevant.”

Plaza led a profane, sarcastic and often very funny ceremony that was broadcast live on IFC. The show featured a show-stopping song-and-dance perfor-

mance by drag queen Shangela who turned the night’s top nominees, like Paul Schrader’s anguished religious drama “First Reformed,” into a disco medley. “If Beale Street Could Talk, what would she say?” sang Shangela while Jenkins doubled over in laughter.

Plaza also brought in her old “Parks and Recreation” co-star Jim O’Heir for a spoof on Andy King, the infamously dedicated producer featured in the Netflix Fyre Festival documentary, “Fyre: The Greatest Party That Never Happened.”

Ethan Hawke won best male lead for “First Reformed,” an award collected for the absent actor by his co-star, Amanda Seyfried.

Marielle Heller’s “Can You Ever Forgive Me?” took awards for both Richard E. Grant’s supporting performance and best screenplay for Nicole Holofcener and Jeff Witty. Holofcener called up Heller to join them on stage.

Best first feature went to Boots Riley’s madcap political satirical “Sorry to Bother You.” In his acceptance speech, Riley, a longtime musician making his directorial debut, spoke out against U.S. involvement in Venezuela. He said film is growing more socially conscious.

“There are real movements out there happening on the streets,” said Riley. “Rightly so, film is responding to that.”

Other awards included best documentary for the Oscar-snubbed Fred Rogers documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?,” best first screenplay went to the comedian-turned-director Bo Burnham for “Eighth Grade”; Luca Guadagnino’s “Suspiria” won the Robert Altman ensemble award and best cinematography; and the micro-budget “En El Septimo Dia” won the Spirits’ John Cassavetes Award, which honors movies made for less than \$500,000.

In her opening monologue, Plaza tweaked the Oscars: “The movie was the first choice was no one, but they were already booked for tomorrow.”

## Orbison, Kristofferson, Parton producer Foster dies at 87

Nashville producer Fred Foster, who produced some of Roy Orbison’s most popular records and was the first to produce records from Kris Kristofferson and Dolly Parton, has died. He was 87.

In the 1960s, he moved his label, Monument Records, from Washington, D.C., to Nashville. Foster continued to work as a producer throughout his life. He produced “Last of the Breed,” a 2007 collaborative album between Ray Price, Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson that resulted in a Grammy win for Price and Nelson for best country collaboration with vocals.

Born in 1931 in North Carolina, Foster helped launch the careers of many hit country artists and was a major supporter of some of Nashville’s biggest songwriters. In the 1960s, he moved his label, Monument Records, from Washington, D.C., to Nashville. Foster continued to work as a producer throughout his life. He produced “Last of the Breed,” a 2007 collaborative album between Ray Price, Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson that resulted in a Grammy win for Price and Nelson for best country collaboration with vocals.

## ‘Singin’ in the Rain’ director Donen dies at 94

Filmmaker Stanley Donen, a giant of the Hollywood musical who through such classics as 1952’s “Singin’ in the Rain” and “Funny Face” helped give us some of the most joyous sounds and images in movie history, has died. He was 94.

Donen, who often teamed with Gene Kelly but also worked with Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and Fred Astaire, died Thursday in New York from heart failure, his sons Joshua and Mark Donen confirmed Saturday.

He was part of the unit behind such unforgettable scenes as Kelly dancing with an animated Jerry the mouse in “Anchors Aweigh.” Astaire’s gravity-defying spin across the ceiling in “Royal Wedding,” and, the all-time triumph, Kelly ecstatically splashing about as he performs the title number in “Singin’ in the Rain.”

## Pioneering transgender singer Jackie Shane dead at 78

Jackie Shane, a black transgender soul singer who became a pioneering musician in Toronto where she packed out nightclubs in the 1960s, has died. She was 78.

Record label Numero Group, which produced a Grammy-nominated album about Shane that brought her back out into the spotlight, confirmed Friday that she died in Nashville. The exact date and cause of death were not provided.

She became a musical mystery after disappearing suddenly in 1971, but her legacy lived on among music historians and vinyl collectors. Shane lived in anonymity for decades after retiring and was a recluse who didn’t leave her house.

A Canadian Broadcasting Company documentary about Shane renewed interest in the singer and a few years ago,

## ‘American Pie’ singer objects to coverage of ex’s exhibit

Don McLean’s former wife has launched an exhibition about domestic abuse that includes a copy of the protection order issued against him, and the “American Pie” singer is threatening to sue a weekly newspaper for writing about it.

Don and Patricia McLean divorced after an incident in their Camden, Maine, home in 2016. McLean pleaded guilty to domestic violence assault, which was dismissed after he met the terms of a plea agreement.

Patricia McLean is using her exhibit, “Finding Our Voices: Breaking the Silence of Domestic Abuse,” to draw attention to domestic violence. The Free Press of Rockland wrote about the exhibition at the Camden Public Library on Feb. 7.

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## OPINION

## Proceed only with regulated gene-editing

By ADIL E. SHAMOO  
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Science magazine, not known for sensationalism, highlighted the first human germline gene-editing endeavor in its recent publication with this headline: "CRISPR bombshell: Chinese researchers claim to have created gene-edited twins."

Dr. He Jiankui conducted the research, in which the genes of twins were edited to resist HIV infections; it has created a scientific uproar. The genomic alteration occurred at the embryonic stage — known as germline editing — which means the edited genes will be inherited by future generations. Previous human gene research has been on somatic cells, which only affect only an individual's cells.

Early statements from many scientists in China, around the world and especially in the U.S., condemned this newest foray into gene research. He was fired from his university, Southern University of Science and Technology of China in Shenzhen, and could face charges of disobeying regulations regarding ethics and research integrity. Even though germline engineering (not by gene editing) has been prevalent for plants, animals and agricultural purposes, its use in humans had been considered an ethical breach because of potential unknown risks and consequences for future generations.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine issued a report in February 2017 recognizing the serious ethical risks of heritable genome editing. Unforeseen biological complications are a

concern; but societal factors — including the dividing line between those with the means to accomplish enhancements for their children and successive generations — are a grave concern.

Yet, in spite of ethical recommendations to refrain from such research, the push for such gene editing is on, with a recent report of research underway at Columbia University in New York into germline editing of human embryos.

Such genetic tampering is thought to have potential to cure known diseases, such as sickle cell, a devastating single gene mutation genetic disorder affecting many sub-Saharan Africans and at least 100,000 Americans, which is the focus of a half-dozen clinical trials using gene therapy. But it could also be used to gain better physical capabilities, change one's appearance and create a better brain — just to name few possibilities. The wealth of parents will play a major role in opening such pathways for enhancements, especially when medical tourism is becoming an accepted practice.

The United States has the highest health care cost per capita in the world. Despite the U.S. having the highest health expenditure, twice that of other rich countries, our health outcome is lower, including a lower life-expectancy compared with that of other developed nations. Currently, somatic gene therapy could cost nearly \$1 million or more per patient treatment. Lifetime treatment with drugs could require that amount as well. Germline therapy, while expensive, could be favorable to eliminate such diseases by treatment with one expensive process.

With cost-cutting pressures on one side and wealthy patients desiring enhancements on another, risk/benefit analyses may not be able to hold back the advancement of scientific discovery, especially considering this: Gene editing may soon become a risk-free or low-risk procedure for individual patients. Ethical arguments may not be able to withstand the pressures of the public health need coupled with attaining advantages that money can buy.

Successful enhancement procedures could put us on the road to having a master class of wealthy and more intelligent individuals. It could also pave the way to a service class of individuals that are sicker, less intelligent and less strong. Francis Fukuyama, conservative economist and philosopher in his 2002 book, "Our Post-Human Future" predicted that such issues would result in social unrest and would eviscerate the Enlightenment ideals of fairness to which current developed countries have subscribed.

We stand in a moment in which the risks of such research must be strictly regulated. The gene editing "machine" should become as restrictive as possible, integrated into an international law ratified by governments around the world and augmented by international treaties. With such regulations in place, we can move forward in gene editing research and treatment, carefully considering the consequences of each to protect our ethics, our moral code and fairness to each of us.

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## Have faith in justices on WWI memorial ruling

There is no record that a religious event has ever been held at the Peace Cross in Bladensburg, Md., in 94 years.

By GEORGE F. WILL  
Washington Post Writers Group

For decades the Supreme Court has entangled itself in Establishment Clause decisions that have been, in the words of Alice in Wonderland, curiouser and curiouser. On Wednesday, it can leaven with clarity the confusion it has sown.

The First Amendment's first words say, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The court conducts its business after a chant that includes "God save the United States and this honorable court" and both houses of Congress have taxpayer-paid chaplains who pray for divine guidance. The court has, however, held that any policy or practice by a public entity that touches religion however marginally, violates the Establishment Clause unless (a) it has a secular purpose and (b) its primary effect neither advances nor inhibits religion and (c) it does not foster excessive government entanglement with religion. In 1983, the court held, rudely but correctly, that the National Endowment for the Arts' plan to fund religious art legislation could continue being prayed over by its paid chaplain, thereby implying that the chaplain negligently advanced religion. (The First Congress hired a chaplain, but James Madison, principal progenitor of the First Amendment, later said tersely that this "was not with my approbation.")

The court has not been particularly generous involving, among many other things, the permissible quantity of religious symbols in Christmas displays on public property, where and what kind of displays of the Ten Commandments are constitutional, and what cannot be said to "solemnize" a high school football game in Texas, where football hardly needs solemnizing. The court has held that books but not maps

could be paid by public funds to parochial schools, causing the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan to wonder: What about atlases, which are books of maps?

Come Wednesday, the court will worry about a war memorial 4.8 miles away in Bladensburg, Md. In 1925, the Peace Cross, privately built on land given by the town to an American Legion post, was dedicated to 49 dead men killed in World War I, when crosses marked most overseas graves of U.S. dead, regardless of their religious affiliations. Time passed, the population grew, a local government commission acquired the land, which is now in a traffic roundabout. A commemoration event occurred there each Veterans Day. There is no record that a religious event has ever been held at the cross in 94 years.

But a few cranky, persnickety, hairsplitting secularists say, with religious zeal, that the cross is now on public land so the Establishment Clause is violated. A district court affirmed the obvious: Honoring the dead is not religion. The Supreme Court divided three-judge circuit court panel reversed. Engaging in something akin to Jesuitical casuistry, two judges said a cross must everywhere and always be a primary symbol of Jesus' death, and because government provides maintenance for the plot in the roundabout, this cross excessively entangles government with religion.

In 1984, the court added an "endorse-

ment" consideration: Would a commonsensical observer of a government display that includes a symbol with religious overtones — an observer knowing how the display came about — think the government is using it to "endorse" religion? In 1989 the court sided even closer to wisdom, with a "coercion" criterion. Rather than emit tens of thousands of skirmishes aimed at scrubbing all visual religious references to religion from this nation's public spaces (including the names of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Las Cruces, N.M.), let's say this: Religion is not "established" when a passive monument on government property in no way coerces reasonable, informed passers-by to believe, practice or support religion.

It was for reasons of traffic safety that the government in 1961 acquired the ground on which the Bladensburg cross sits. If, 58 years later, a few people in this age of hair-trigger rage choose to be offended by a long-standing monument reflecting the nation's culture and traditions, those people, not the First Amendment, need help. The court should so rule when, sometime before this term ends in June, it announces its decision in this case, as the new justices sit beneath a frieze that includes a symbol of religion: Moses with the Ten Commandments.

Bladensburg last had the nation's attention because of the shambling evils of Aug. 24, 1814. President Madison fled from there, where feeble American resistance enabled British soldiers to proceed to torch the president's house and the Capitol. At Wednesday's oral argument, the court, sitting across the street from the Capitol, can begin to tidy up its Establishment Clause jurisprudence that Justice Clarence Thomas correctly says is "in shambles."

## OPINION

## What Amazon didn't get from New York

By TYLER COWEN  
Bloomberg News

**T**he collapse of the Amazon deal in New York City has focused renewed attention on public subsidies for corporate relocations. My view is that local governments overuse such subsidies. Even so, I have been struck by the excessively political nature of this debate. The reality is that these kinds of subsidies are quite common, and their inefficiencies are usually small.

Consider, by way of illustration, entitlement and discretionary spending on the federal level. A program such as Social Security or Medicare is done entirely by formula, as it should be; large companies cannot lobby for higher payments or lower taxes for their workers. Much of discretionary spending, by contrast, is research grants and procurement contracts. One company or researcher wins, and the others do not. Furthermore, the government will usually offer different services and terms, based on how much value it thinks the winning bidder can bring to the project. All of which is to say: Discretionary spending requires ... government discretion.

Viewed in this context, critics of local development subsidies are also critics of government discretion. Or, to frame the issue in a duller way, they do not believe local governments should treat economic development as a procurement problem. That's a defensible position, but it is not obviously correct.

Another analogy is with private shopping malls, which commonly charge much lower per-unit rents to anchor tenants, maybe even subsidizing them. That is based on the view that a famous retail chain or movie theater can help other businesses in the mall by attracting customers and burnishing the overall image of the place. When a local government offers tax incentives to relocating businesses, it is in a sense acting like a shopping mall, which treats tenant recruitment as a kind of procurement problem. Offering differential rewards to prospective tenants is standard practice.

Consider again the contrast between this Amazon debate and the one over federal spending. It has long been a centrist, bipartisan Washington consensus, with which I agree, that the federal government

spends too much on entitlement programs, and that spending is eating into some very important parts of the discretionary budget, such as support for science or infrastructure. The criticism is essentially that there is too much spending by formula and not enough by procurement. In this setting, many of us find discretionary procurement methods to be just fine, albeit highly imperfect.

Many of the biggest critics of the Amazon deal are on the progressive left: the same crowd that tends to favor an industrial policy for America. Why, then, is industrial policy so bad for New York City? There are also critics from the libertarian right. For them the question might be: Why isn't what's good for Singapore good for New York City? Often cited as a model in many other discussions of economic policy, Singapore has offered differential tax and development incentives for most of its history, with great success.

One final note: There isn't a tax system in the world in which all individuals or companies pay the same rates. Once you factor in depreciation, expensing provisions, definitions of profit, and much more, tax

systems are never fully neutral or transparent. New York's offer to Amazon was probably more straightforward than many other features of local tax systems.

What matters is the net tax companies pay, not just their published tax rate. When a large company is going to make a significant investment in an urban area, it is hoping for support in terms of infrastructure maintenance or improvement, and indeed it invests on that basis. The reality is that municipalities often have difficulty fulfilling their obligations anyway. (This also holds true, unfortunately, for even basic promises to ordinary citizens. Ridden the New York City subway lately?)

I still think New York made an error in offering Amazon tax breaks, if only because it looked bad. That led to the canceling of the deal, and negative publicity for both the company and New York City. But if you think the deal was uniquely outrageous, you need to look more closely at how governments actually operate.

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## Use scalpel, not cleaver, on billets, USUHS chief urges

By TOM PHILPOTT  
Special to Stars and Stripes

**L**ike many military physician colleagues, Dr. Richard W. Thomas, a retired Army major general, ear-nose-throat surgeon and current president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, is worried about tentative Defense Department plans to eliminate more than 17,000 uniformed medical billets across the military health system starting in October 2020.

Thomas is sufficiently uneasy to discuss the proposed cuts publicly, in part because medical students at USUHS, aware that uniformed health care staffs could shrink as much as 13 percent over several years, are asking Thomas and university faculty how the cuts will affect their careers and desired medical specialties.

"We get those questions and it's a fair question. 'I'm interested in being a pediatrician. I'm going to have a job,'" Thomas said. Likewise, seniored physicians in specialties that don't deploy with combat troops are anxious too.

In a lengthy interview in his office on the Bethesda, Md., university campus, Thomas shared his concerns but also his confidence that Army, Navy and Air Force medical leaders are carefully analyzing those initial "meat cleaver" targets and almost certainly will be pressing for more scalpel-like staff reductions.

"Top-down driven, bottom-up refined," Thomas said of the billet-reduction process he expects as the services reconsider the numbers and types of billets. Nurses, dentists, medical technicians and support staff they need following years of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"The medical [community's] responsibility is to give them the best analysis they can, to say this is what 'right' looks like from our perspective," he said. If that occurs, if the military's analysis is based on Thomas anticipates, then the medical force review will become a great opportunity to reset requirements.

"After the end of every major combat window, you tend to downsize the force somewhat. There's a certain amount of health in that," Thomas said. "I have been

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yearlong collaboration on medical staff cuts between the Joint Chiefs, service medical departments, the Defense Health Agency and analysts in the Office of Secretary of Defense. Cuts of roughly 7,300 from Army medical staff and 5,300 space from Navy and Air Force surfaced in draft reports. The intent is to repurpose billets as warfighters and to deepen individual workloads across military medicine so clinical skills stay sharp.

Those goals make sense, Thomas said. It's the size of cuts that concerns him, particularly given the likely impact on graduate medical education pipelines, which he calls the "lifeblood" of military medicine. Graduate education produces specialists, from heart surgeons to primary care physicians to pediatricians. The right mix ensures deployment readiness and proper staffing of base hospitals.

Thomas also noted that just as Congress directed DHA to assume control of all military health facilities, it also has asked for a study of whether USUHS should oversee all graduate medical education now residing with the services. Thomas believes that shift will happen, calling it logical given how other medical functions are being consolidated under a single combat support agency.

Thomas cautioned against staff cuts so deep that force elements of certain graduate medical education pipelines that one day would need to be restored.

"The military is really good about a couple of things," he said. "If you give them a target, they will work towards that number. That's the issue. If you look at those overall numbers — I looked at them the other day, for example, 7,000 for the Army. Over 1,000 of those billets are medical corps. Doctors."

Analyzing the effect of such cuts on the ability to meet mission "is really what the services' medical departments are for. They need to take that and do the analysis," Thomas said. "They may come back and say, 'Hey that number's too large. I can't do it.' But I also think they are going

to have to snap link this to a timeline. 'If you want me to attrite certain specialties or personnel numbers, how many of those then become civilians?'"

"I'll give you an example: a pediatric endocrinologist," Thomas said. "Maybe I don't need one in uniform but I'll convert that to a civilian billet if I still have that requirement.' That's the analysis that has to be done."

USUHS becomes an occasional target for budget hawks, Thomas said, even as its importance grows as the "foundation of education and training for the military health system." That periodic political threat is one reason Thomas wants to tout the "value proposition" USUHS brings to military medicine. "We don't want to be the best university no one ever heard of," he said.

USUHS is a fully accredited medical school. While universities typically begin as colleges, evolve, and then establish medical schools, Congress reversed that order to create "West Point medical" after conscription ended in 1973. The intent was to ensure a strong cadre of military-trained physicians. Over the years USUHS added a graduate school of nursing, a dental school and a college of allied health sciences. Today it has about 1,000 faculty.

The medical school gets 20 applicants for each first-year student billet, a ratio that matches and exceeds most Ivy League medical schools, Thomas said. This year it will graduate 171 new physicians, each obligated to serve seven years active duty in Army, Air Force or Navy. Its graduates are also able to earn military retirement on military pensions. Civilian medical schools produce the majority of military doctors, enticed to serve by military-paid scholarships or loan forgiveness.

Statistically USUHS graduates are more career minded; 80 percent serve 20 years or more. They also earn military retirement. "I tell people our graduates stay longer, not because of a longer service obligation [but] because they are more obligated to serve," said Thomas.

Most students enter USUHS because the military pays for their medical degrees. They serve beyond initial obligations and the training opportunities or the desire to

deploy, said Thomas, who once commanded the Army's Medical Corps.

"These guys [and gals] would tell me, 'If you deploy me, I'll stay.' Because a lot of them, that was the 'it.' That was the real deal for them. They understood why we existed and it all made sense."

A higher percentage of USUHS graduates train in specialties deemed combat necessary (and gals) such as general surgery, anesthesiologists and emergency medicine, but many also become primary care physicians or family care specialists. By the time year groups of doctors reach O-6 rank — colonels in the Army and Air Force, captains in the Navy — more than a third are USUHS graduates, Thomas said.

Because Congress and the Defense Department prize USUHS graduates, the medical school is set to expand over the next several years to produce at least 30 more doctors annually. A new building of almost 500,000 square feet will be constructed, starting in 2021 to add class room space and clinical surgery.

Thomas became university president in 2016, bringing deep experience in combat medicine and senior health management. After earning a doctorate in dental surgery, he went to medical school to become a surgeon specializing in otolaryngology/ head and neck surgery. He served five combat tours including as division surgeon for the 101st Airborne in Afghanistan and Iraq and surgeon general of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. His last military job was first director of health care operations and chief medical officer at the Defense Health Agency.

Thomas noted that the military has been the source of some of "the greatest advances in medicine, whether it's trauma care, infectious disease care, traumatic brain injury care, psychological health. ... Combat is the greatest catalyst."

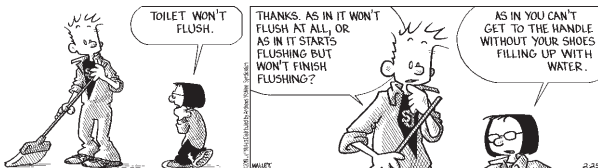
"That's always been true and was so again the other 80 years of our common combat operations since 9/11, he said.

"We've seen a transformation of medicine, military medicine certainly. And the value of military medicine is those advances translate into civilian medicine."

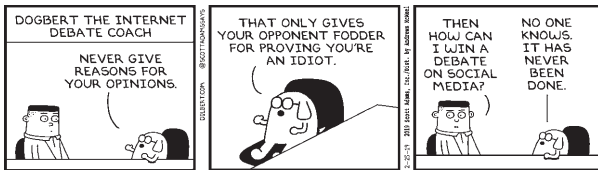
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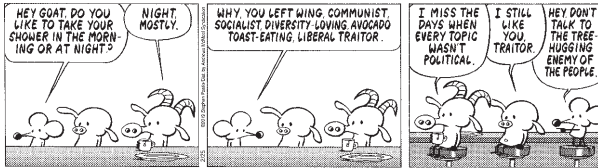
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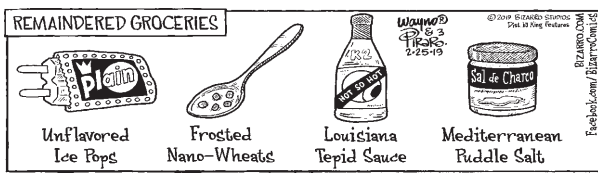
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## NHL

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	OT	Pts
Tampa Bay	62	47	11	4	98	244	146		
Boston	62	36	17	9	81	185	199		
Boston	61	37	20	4	78	216	172		
Montreal	62	33	22	7	73	187	183		
Florida	62	31	24	6	68	216	172		
Florida	60	27	25	8	62	190	204		
Detroit	62	23	30	9	55	174	207		
Chicago	61	21	34	5	49	185	225		

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	OT	Pts
N.Y. Islanders	61	31	24	12	79	178	146		
Washington	62	34	21	7	75	207	198		
Columbus	62	33	22	6	72	186	180		
Pittsburgh	62	33	23	6	72	186	180		
Pittsburgh	62	32	27	8	72	193	183		
Philadelphia	62	29	24	9	65	183	209		
N.Y. Rangers	61	27	26	8	62	178	201		
New Jersey	62	24	30	8	56	182	213		

## Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	OT	Pts
Winnipeg	61	37	20	4	78	209	181		
Nashville	62	36	22	5	77	193	169		
St. Louis	61	33	23	5	71	181	170		
Dallas	61	29	26	5	65	153	199		
Colorado	62	27	24	11	60	166	196		
Minnesota	62	29	27	6	64	171	183		
Chicago	62	26	27	6	61	208	223		

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	OT	Pts
Calgary	61	38	19	23	127	199	146		
San Jose	62	36	18	8	72	233	194		
Vegas	61	32	26	5	69	185	181		
Edmonton	62	31	25	5	69	160	175		
Vancouver	62	28	28	6	62	172	195		
Los Angeles	62	27	29	6	60	175	195		
Anaheim	62	24	29	9	57	139	191		
Los Angeles	62	24	30	8	56	180	190		

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in division and wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

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Columbus 3, Ottawa 0  
Minnesota 2, Detroit 2  
Colorado 5, Chicago 3  
Calgary 2, Anaheim 1

**Saturday's games**  
Buffalo 5, Washington 2  
N.Y. Islanders 3, Boston 0  
Carolina 3, Dallas 0  
Florida 3, Los Angeles 1

**Sunday's games**  
Columbus 3, San Jose 1  
Colorado 3, Nashville 0  
N.Y. Islanders 5, Vegas 3  
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT

**Monday's games**  
Edmonton 2, Montreal 0  
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**Tuesday's games**  
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**Philadelphia's Claude Giroux scored three straight goals against Pittsburgh in a 4-3 overtime win on Saturday in a Stadium Series hockey game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.**

## Rangers 5, Devils 2

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**First Period—**1. N.Y. Rangers, Vesey 14 (Barnitz, Atkinson), 6:58. 2. N.Y. Rangers, Strome 9 (Kreider, Buchnevich), 12:50. 3. N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 25 (Zibanejad, Veck), 14:27.

**Second Period—**1. New Jersey, Agostino 3, 2:20. 2. N.Y. Rangers, Skjel 4 (Shattenkirk, Zibanejad), 11:08. 6. New Jersey, Greene 4 (Kiescher, Palmieri), 12:50. 7. N.Y. Rangers, Strome 10 (Namestnikov, Fast), 19:41.

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**Power-play opportunities—**New Jersey 0 of 2; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 3.

**Goals—**New Jersey, Schneider 3-8-2 (33 shots-29 saves), N.Y. Rangers, Georgiev 10-10-0 (21-19).

**A—**17,571 (18,006), T=2:31.

**Islanders 4, Canucks 0**

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Vancouver	62	36	17	9	81	185	199		
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**Second Period—**1. N.Y. Islanders, Baeviller 14 (Bailey, Filppula), 2:34. 4. N.Y. Islanders, Clutterbuck 8 (Nelson), 18:46.

**Third Period—**1. N.Y. Islanders 11, 1:13. 2. Vancouver, 15-16-36.

**Power-play opportunities—**N.Y. Islanders 0 of 4; Vancouver 0 of 4.

**Goals—**N.Y. Islanders, Lehner 19-9-5 (36 shots-36 saves), Vancouver, Markstrom 22-18-7 (22-18).

**A—**18,871 (18,910), T=2:21.

**Panthers 6, Kings 1**

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**Goals—**Florida—Lombardi 8-4-19. Florida 8-9-25.

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# HIGH SCHOOL: FAR EAST BASKETBALL

## Division I boys

# Humphreys' rally dethrones Kinnick

Metcalf leads Blackhawks with MVP effort

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Trailing by 11 points in the second quarter against defending champion Kinnick, Humphreys needed something to turn the tide of Saturday's Far East Division I boys basketball tournament final.

Leave it to 6-foot-9 senior Quintin Metcalf to provide the right medicine — a shot block on Kinnick sophomore Kaine Roberts, followed by a length-of-the-court drive and a basket for the Blackhawks en route to an 83-64 win, dethroning the defending champion Red Devils.

"That block was lucky for us; most times, a block will fly out of bounds, but this one stayed in-bounds and I went down and finished, and we had the momentum from there," Metcalf said.

That run helped Humphreys complete the most special boys basketball season in the school's seven-year history:

■ The Blackhawks finished 33-0, the first unbeaten season in school history, including titles in all three tournaments Humphreys entered.

■ Humphreys became the first DODEA school to win Far East tournament championships in different divisions in consecutive years.

Metcalf earned Most Valuable Player honors for the third straight year in a most unusual way: He was MVP in 2017 for D-I Seoul American and MVP last year for Humphreys when it was a Division II school.

"It doesn't get any better than

**'So many different games, different scenarios, yet they still found a way to win.'**

Ron Merriwether  
Humphreys coach

this," coach Ron Merriwether said. "I'm extremely proud of the guys. They took the challenge. So many different games, different scenarios, yet they still found a way to win. It's great to see the hard work pay off again."

Last year's D-I MVP, Kinnick's Davion Roberts, put Kinnick ahead 26-15 with a driving shot six minutes before halftime. The Blackhawks rallied and the teams traded the lead six times before Metcalf gave Humphreys the lead for good at 33-32 with a rebound basket 2:16 before half.

That sparked a 14-0 run midway through the game that put the Blackhawks ahead 44-32. Trevijon Williams gave the Blackhawks their biggest lead 81-59 on a foul shot with 1:06 left.

Metcalf finished with 28 points, Jalen Hill had 10 of his 21 in the fourth quarter to keep the Red Devils at arm's length and Collin Metcalf had 16 points.

Kaine Roberts led Kinnick with 21 points, including five three-pointers. Davion Roberts and Chris Watson each had 13 for Kinnick.

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DYSON ROBINSON/Stars and Stripes  
Dyson Robinson cuts a piece of the net for a souvenir following E.J. King's 59-45 victory over Edgren in Saturday's Division II championship. Robinson was named the game's Most Valuable Player after scoring 24 points in the victory.

## Division II girls

# Sterling leads Zama to first title

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Where Zama's girls basketball team is concerned, the third time was the charm.

Freshman Chloe Sterling pumped in 24 of her 29 points in the first half as the Trojans, who struggled in the first two periods, pulled away in the second half to win their first Far East Division II title, 58-43 over Daegu in a battle of underclass stars.

"She set the tone and saved us," first-year Zama coach Daisy Whitaker-Hayes said of Sterling. "If it wasn't for her in the first half, it could have gone a different way. She was pivotal."

After failing in two Far East tournament finals appearances in 1991 and 2016, the Trojans came away with the first girls Far East basketball title in school history.

Zama had posted a pedestrian finish in the American School In Japan Kanto Classic last month in Tokyo, then survived an offensive slowdown in the DODEA-Japan tournament final three weeks ago against Yokota; the Trojans won that game 35-16.

"This was a completely different story" from the DODEA Japan tournament, Whitaker-Hayes said.

Zama also worked a strategy against Warriors sophomore center DaiJa Turner, fronting her with Sterling and having center Jessica Atkinson guard her from behind.

Turner had eight of her 15 points in the third quarter — but

## Division II boys

# Robinson paces King past Edgren

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — When players named Robinson have suited up for E.J. King's boys basketball team, Far East titles have followed.

Senior Dyson Robinson caught fire at just the right time Saturday, scoring 10 of his 24 points in the second quarter to turn what had been a tight battle into a 59-45 win for the Cobras over Edgren in the Division II final.

The championship is King's second in three seasons and fourth overall.

"This was very special," said Cobras first-year head coach Travis Elliott, who played in Far East D-II tournaments with Perry 20 years ago but never won one.

"I always knew it would come as a coach because I always wanted to be [a champion]," Elliott said. "To have this team be the one to do it, this is very special."

Though Elliott was new to the

team, his assistant, Robert Sipplin, was with it two years ago when Robinson's older brother, Devin, starred in leading King past Yokota 67-66. Dyson earned Most Valuable Player honors on Saturday, as did Devin two years ago.

"I needed to get my team going, be a leader, have them repeat after me, to keep attacking," Robinson said. "That was a real hard fight. Edgren's a really tough team."

"He kept crashing the boards; we couldn't stop him," Edgren's Riley Palfy said.

It was a tight battle early on, featuring five ties and three lead changes before Robinson gave the Cobras the lead for good at 18-16 with 6:09 left before half.

The Cobras led by 14 a handful of times in the second half, when they slowed the pace to keep the ball out of the Eagles' hands.

Jalen Nall had 20 points for the Cobras. Palfy led the Eagles with 22 points.

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## Division I girls

# Bangkok, Lucas make it three straight over Kadena

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KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Three times a champion. Three times an MVP.

That was the narrative for American School of Bangkok's Eagles and senior Shanique Lucas. And for the third straight year, the Eagles' title came at the expense of Kadena, by a score of 60-39, and this time on the Panthers' home court.

Lucas was one of four Eagles in double figures, along with sister Keisharna Lucas (13), Naina Sunchataqvirl (11) and Rana Rajansoonthon, who led the Eagles with 15.

But it wasn't easy for Bangkok,

which struggled in the first half before pulling away in the third period, outscoring Kadena 18-9.

"If we made more of our shots in the first half," Bangkok might have pulled away sooner, said Eagles coach David Lucas, Shanique and Keisharna's father. "We uncharacteristically missed shots and made unnecessary turnovers."

Attriria Simms of Kadena led all scorers with 20 points.

Lucas said he was "a bit emotional" because of the situation.

"Our last official game together," he said of Shanique, who has committed to play for Union (Tenn.) next season.



DYSON ROBINSON/Stars and Stripes

Daegu's Jya Van, left, defends against Zama's Chloe Sterling.

that was when she fouled out, leaving the Warriors without an inside presence.

Daegu finished the regular season unbeaten after suffering a 30-game losing streak for two seasons between 2015 and 2017, but the Warriors came up short in their first D-II final in six

seasons.

"The girls fought hard," coach Jonathan Van said. "They came up short, but they're still champions in my eyes. I'm proud of my Warriors."

Sophomore guard Bethani Newbold led the Warriors with 13 points.

# HIGH SCHOOL: FAR EAST WRESTLING

## 3 from Korea finish unbeaten

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

It was a red-letter day for Korea-based wrestlers in the 42nd Far East tournament in a season where teams in Korea had trouble fielding full lineups.

Two Osan wrestlers won their weight classes Friday, the first time that's happened in 10 years. One of them, Kojiro VanHoose, a 129-pound senior, broke a school record with his third straight Far East title.

And Humphreys recorded a school first, as Will Allen, a 135-pounder, became the first Blackhawk wrestler to win a Far East title.

VanHoose transferred from Centennial High School in Idaho to Osan three years ago having won just one major in-season invitational there, the Treasure Valley Tournament, as a freshman.

On Friday, he captured his own form of treasure, winning the 129-pound final by pin over Sam Squires of Edgren in 1 minute, 30 seconds.

"I'm really happy about that," VanHoose said after his championship bout at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. He said he'd been unaware that he broke the school record, held by several Cougars in the 1990s and 2000s.

"That makes it really special for me," VanHoose said. "I'm glad I worked as hard as I did."

VanHoose's championship was one of several milestone feats by teams and individuals on Day 2 of the three-day Far East tournament. Individual finals were held Friday; the dual-meet tournament began later Friday and concluded with the finals Saturday.

Osan sophomore Marcus Inthavixay won at 158 pounds by points over Edgren's Cody Dettman.

"I didn't expect to go this far in the tournament," said Inthavixay, who like VanHoose went unbeaten this season.

Inthavixay wrestled Dettman last season and said he realized he had to adjust to make it past him again. "He's very strong," Inthavixay said. "He's better than he was last year. I had to change my style a little bit, use throws, anything to mix it up."

Allen similarly capped an undefeated season, using two huge four-point throws en route to a 12-0 technical-fall victory in 5 minutes, 30 seconds over St. Mary's William Krcelic.

"Both throws were amazing," said VanHoose, who paused after his title bout to watch Allen win his.

"This is very exciting," Allen said, crediting his coaches and teammates for his success this season. "I thank all of them."

Allen said he had his hands full with Krcelic and needed to employ a series of countermoves to keep him at bay. "I used his arms and his momentum against him," Allen said.

Allen and Inthavixay were among 10 new faces earning titles.

Perry heavyweight Marshall China, St. Mary's 115-pounder Eiji Kasahara and VanHoose were the only reigning champions to repeat, while 2018 champions Chris Mason (215) of Kinnick and Caleb Heino (108) of Yokota were dethroned.

It was the first time since 2013 that St. Mary's and Kinnick didn't finish atop the team standings — Ku-



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**Osan American's Kojiro VanHoose takes control of Edgren's Sam Squires in the 129-pound final. VanHoose won his third straight Far East title.**

basaki extended its Pacific record with its 26th Division I team title and first since 2013.

Kubasaki won by just two points over St. Mary's, capturing the crown thanks to Haydn Peterson's 10-0 technical fall win over Mason in 1:27. It was his match that decided the team title.

"This is really exciting, so amazing," Peterson said. "This team has worked so hard, we've pushed every weight class to the limit and all the hard work has paid off."

Edgren won the Division II team crown, extending its Pacific mark with its 10th D-II title, all won under longtime Eagles coach Justin Edmonds.

"Like always, I'm proud of them," Edmonds said. "They did a good job."

Among newcomers to the title podium was Kinnick freshman 101-pounder Alexi Mutoh, who was tutored by former three-time Far East champion Lucas Wirth. Mutoh beat Kubasaki's Dylan Hudleston for the title.

"I'm surprised to be the champion," Mutoh said, crediting Wirth for teaching him moves and to be more aggressive on the mat.

Christian Academy Japan's 108-pound Jordan Van Druff unseated Heino with an 11-1 technical fall in 4:41. He said he had mixed feelings about beating Heino. "Both of us have worked very hard," he said. "He (Heino) has one year left; I expect him to win his weight next year."

First time champion Jaylen Mayers of Kubasaki survived a 122-pound final showdown with American School In Japan's Ira Kadet, winning with a second-round pin.

Experience helped China reclaim his heavyweight title, the Perry senior said. "I've been through it before; I knew what to expect," said China, who returns next year to chase a third straight title. "That's the plan," he said.

Other championship bouts saw ASIJ's 168-pounder Zenon Sadler win his 33rd straight bout dating back to last season, by technical fall 10-0 in 4:22 over St. Mary's Lev Titov.

St. Mary's Austin Koslow beat Yokota's Austin Fisher by technical fall 10-0 in 1:02 at 180 pounds. ASIJ's Rin Zoot beat Kubasaki's Luke Moseley by technical fall 12-0 in 1:26 for the 148-pound title.

St. Mary's Nishant Chanda won at 141 pounds by technical fall 11-0 in 2:54 over ASIJ's Egan Sadler. Kasahara's repeat title came via 10-4 decision against ASIJ's Take Zoot.

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## Edgren completes team titles sweep

By DAVE ORNAUER  
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Justin Edmonds felt like his heart was in his throat for most of the meet Saturday, the Edgren wrestling coach said.

It was a back-and-forth battle against Yokota with the Far East Division II dual-meet wrestling title on the line.

Not until 180-pounder Jason Dudley came off the mat victoriously, pinning the Panthers' Austin Fisher in 2 minutes, 34 seconds, did Edmonds say he could feel a sense of relief.

"Unbelievable. My heart is still racing," said Edmonds, whose Eagles prevailed 33-24 over the Panthers.

It gave Edgren a sweep of the dual-meet and individual team titles for the first time since 2016, after which Edmonds took a two-year hiatus from coaching.

"Jason sticking that Yokota guy, that was a major task," Edmonds said. "It could have gone either way, and it could have changed things drastically. To beat anybody from the Kanto Plain is a challenge. But I'm happy. The kids are happy."

Edmonds had good reason to be happy. He won a Far East wrestling team title for the 11th time, and counting his titles in other sports, he has matched former Kubasaki wrestling coach Jeff Pellaton with 13 total Far East titles.

"He's gotten us something great," said Edgren 215-pounder Chase Quigley. "Without him, we wouldn't be the same team we would be. He's everything for this program."

Of the teams he's coached in his 14 years at the Eagles' helm, Edmonds calls this one of his favorites. "They weren't killers, but they worked really hard to get the job done," he said.

Yokota went in front 19-10 when 135-pounder Ramil Celones won by technical fall and 141-pounder Joey DeGrella by pin.

But Cody Dettman pinned Yokota's Mack Togan at 158 pounds, then Bradleigh McCollum beat

Cameron Ewens by points for Edgren at 168, setting the stage for Dudley's pinfall victory that clinched the meet for the Eagles.

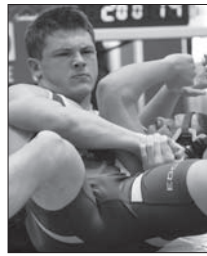
Meanwhile, in the Division I dual competition, drama was hardly a bother as St. Mary's cruised past Kubasaki 35-25 to win its 17th Far East team title, second behind only the Dragons with 26. Kubasaki edged the Titans for the D-I freestyle title on Friday.

Capturing the title was "a little different," Titans coach Shu Yabui said. In the past few years, St. Mary's was known as an individual freestyle team, not one built for dual meets, but the opposite was true this time around. And this was a rebuilding Titans team.

The Titans got pins from Mikhail Titov (101), Nishant Chanda (141), Warren Koslow (158) and Lev Titov (168) and wins by technical fall from Eiji Kasahara (115), William Krcelic (135) and Austin Koslow (180).

"It felt very special," Yabui said. "I had never won just the dual meet" in one Far East. "It was a fresh feeling, but it was a hard three days for me."

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**Edgren's Cody Dettman finishes off Yokota's Mack Togan at 158 pounds. Dettman's pin helped the Eagles win the Far East Division II dual-meet title.**



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# HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE BASKETBALL

## Division III boys

# Pigge leads Bucs to 2nd straight title

By GREGORY BROOME  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Baumholder lost to Ansbach by double digits in the regular season. The Bucs trailed by double digits before they even scored in the DODEA Europe Division III boys basketball championship game.

Somehow, none of that seemed to deter them. Second-seeded Baumholder defiantly defended its European title turf against a capable challenger Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, outlasting the top-seeded Cougars 70-65 in a thrilling small-school championship game.

"It's the confidence that we have within ourselves," Baumholder coach Dewayne Pigge said. "We don't give up. We keep fighting."

Bucs sophomore Chandler Pigge had a 32-point masterpiece that included 22 points in the second half and 13 in the fourth quarter.

Pigge, an easy selection for the tournament's most valuable player, threw precision passes, hammered the glass, harassed Ansbach ballhandlers into turnovers and flung himself to the hardwood for loose balls, winning raves from both coaches. Ansbach coach Shannon Daniels called Pigge an amazing player, while Dewayne Pigge, Chandler's father, said his son's "basketball IQ is phenomenal."

To that end, Pigge knew a transcendent performance would be required to knock off the Cougars, a talented senior-led squad driven by years of postseason frustrations. After being slowed by foul trouble in last year's final and held to a single basket in the first quarter Saturday, Pigge kicked his game into another gear, earning vindication for his team along with its second straight European title.

"We were the underdog ever since the beginning. We were the team nobody thought was going to win," Chandler Pigge said. "We had to come out and show that we were a team that can win. We can win championships multiple times."

Pigge had plenty of capable help from his teammates. Laurence Huxtable scored 17 points, Stephen Christmas scored eight of his 13 points after halftime, and the Bucs' defense recovered from its disastrous start to hold Ansbach to just nine second-quarter points, tying the game at halftime and providing a fresh start for the champs' second-half surge.

## Division III girls

# Jaguars top Sentinels for 3rd straight title

By AARON KNOWLES  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — It takes a lot to get to the finals of a DODEA Europe girls basketball game.

Three months of basketball is followed by an intense four-day tournament. And the pressure seemingly increases every step.

The Signella Jaguars used their experience Saturday in a 35-32 victory over Spangdahlem for their third consecutive title.

The Sentinels, with plenty of title experience themselves at the Division II level, fell behind in

the second quarter and a fourth-quarter rally fell short.

"One thing that we focused on a lot was staying calm," Jaguars senior Jessica Jacobs said. "Our solution to them driving it in was working on our defense and locking it down."

It did not take too long to see nerves were affecting both teams, as they were not operating at the same level they had earlier in the tournament.

Jacobs opened the scoring with a quick basket and went on to finish with 12 points, tied with Averi Chandler for high-scoring honors for her team.



BRIAN FERGUSON/Stars and Stripes

**Baumholder's Chandler Pigge goes up for a lay-up during the Division III championship against Ansbach on Saturday. Baumholder won 70-65.**

"The team came together and they made it happen, and Chandler fed off of that," Dewayne Pigge said.

Ansbach, undefeated in regular-season divisional play and untouchable throughout the tournament, scored the game's first 12 points as physical seniors Ogden Andrew and Kevin Kamara manhandled the slow-starting Bucs. But the Cougars staggered when Baumholder began to punch back, rendering Ansbach's 60-42 win in December a memory.

"We've gotten a little better. They've gotten a lot better," Daniels said. "They outplayed us today."

While Baumholder is in the nascent stages of a small-school dynasty, the loss continues a string of postseason disappointments for Ansbach, which also lost in the 2016 and 2017 European title games and 2018 semifinal round, and will face a rebuilding project next season as Andrew, Kamara and other key seniors move on. Daniels, too, said he plans to retire.

"I couldn't have finished it with a better group of guys," Daniels said.

Andrew, the longtime Cougar who led the school's renowned football program back to championship glory in the fall, scored 30 points in a stellar performance of his own. Kamara added 20 points in support.

Baumholder routed Brussels 80-46 in one semifinal while Ansbach crushed Spangdahlem 66-26 in the other.

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## Division II boys

# BFA holds on for 3rd straight title

By GREGORY BROOME  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — The setup for the DODEA Europe Division II boys basketball championship game Saturday was a classic, pitting a proud two-time defending champion against a feisty first-time finalist.

Black Forest Academy won its third consecutive title Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, pulling ahead late in the fourth quarter to outlast Bahrain 47-40.

Jacob Fortune hit six free throws in the final two minutes and Gabriel Kruse, whose semifinal buzzer-beater sent BFA back to the finals in the first place, knocked down four free throws in the final 17 seconds to break open a close game.

The win was the latest in a season of intense games, including regular-season matchups against Division I opponents Kaiserslautern, Stuttgart and Wiesbaden and Division III finalists Baumholder and Ansbach. The challenges continued in the tournament as BFA won its three games before Saturday by a combined nine points.

"We've had such a great schedule all year. We've had games that have helped us get better all year," Black Forest coach David Kruse said. "They've all been tough. It's been great."

Fortune, who finished with 16 points, said he had faith he and his team would have success.

"Walking up to the free-throw line I'm talking to myself and what I'm saying is, 'God, you are with me. God, you are good,'" Fortune said. "It helps me to not focus on all the people around me

but focus on the one who's giving me the gifts to play basketball."

BFA built a two-point halftime lead on crafty drives to the hoop by Fortune and a long stretch of pinball passing, including a string of vintage give-and-go plays. But the champs couldn't put Bahrain away as they struggled through a four-point third quarter, and the challengers got all the way back when star guard Derrick Lee drew a foul on a buzzer-beating three-point attempt and swished all three free throws to tie the game entering the fourth quarter.

Kruse, the tournament's most outstanding player, matched Fortune with 16 points for BFA. Lee totaled a game-high 21 in defeat.

The hard-fought final settled a competitive bracket that was perhaps the most even.

Black Forest won its two pool games by a total of seven points, including a 45-40 defeat of Bahrain on Thursday, while Bahrain claimed the pool's second seed.

The opposite pool produced a three-way tie for its two semifinal berths, the second of which went to Rota ahead of Aviano immediately after Aviano beat Rota in a preliminary matchup. BFA edged Rota in a twisty 49-47 semifinal reminiscent of BFA's 48-47 defeat of Rota in last year's European title game.

"It's great for our program, great for our school," Bahrain coach Emiliano Herrera said of his team's first boys basketball final appearance. "We're making history tonight."

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## Division II girls

# Falcons do it with defense

By AARON KNOWLES  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — It won't be remembered as a display of offensive firepower.

But the American Overseas School of Rome Falcons are OK with that after emerging with a 20-15 victory over AFNORTH on Saturday in the DODEA Europe Division II girls basketball championship.

AOSR was up 8-7 at halftime. AFNORTH didn't score at all in the third period and trailed 12-7 entering the final one. So when the teams matched relatively robust outpourings of eight points apiece in the final quarter, the Falcons emerged with their first girls title in recent memory.

"Last night, we all stayed up until around 10 p.m. and our coach analyzed everything, we did and AFNORTH did, and we increased everything we needed

to do," AOSR's Amaya Vaquerizo said. "We had to adjust our defense during this game."

Torri Morris led second-seeded AFNORTH's fourth-quarter charge, but it was too little, too late for the Lions.

"We missed some chances to do some of the things that got us here," AFNORTH coach Matt Wise said. "This just didn't come out the way we planned."

The Falcons' third-seeded despite having the most victories against D-II opponents during the regular season, have plenty to celebrate on their trip back.

"This game was really intense for us and we had a lot of anxiety throughout it, but it went really well," Vaquerizo said. "This feels really good, because it is the first (championship) for our school in a very long time."

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS

# Ramstein claims fifth straight title

BY GREGORY BROOME  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — History repeated itself on Saturday. As did the Ramstein Royals. Ramstein won its fifth consecutive DODEA Europe Division I boys basketball championship Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, defeating the archival Kaiserslautern Raiders for the second year in a row in a 48-39 comeback victory.

The Royals tied a prestigious DODEA Europe record with the championship, matching Heidelberg's run from 2000 to 2004 for the longest basketball title streak in the organization's history. The win also completed an undefeated 2018-19 season.

Ramstein head coach Andrew O'Connor recalled his start at a volunteer assistant with the Royals, visiting Heidelberg and marveling at the collection of banners.

"I remember...thinking 'that's impossible,'" O'Connor said. "How it that possible?"

The Royals made it reality Saturday, even after falling into an early lead to Kaiserslautern.

The Raiders attempted to shoot their way out of the years-long slump against the Royals with a blistering start from distance. Three-pointers by Isaac Pacheco and Bryan Lunn gave the Raiders early leads, and a pair of quick-hitting three-pointers by Ervin Johnson extended their advantage. Meanwhile, Kaiserslautern harassed Ramstein into misses and miscues and the Royals mostly misfired on what open looks they did manufacture.

The reigning champions began to methodically carve into the imposing double-digit deficit in the

second quarter. Point guard Jerod Little drained two three-pointers and Jason Jones Jr. dropped in a putback and a fast-break layup to highlight an 18-3 run that put the Royals up two at halftime and negated Kaiserslautern's encouraging start.

Both teams struggled offensively out of the halftime locker room until Ramstein unleashed another sudden surge. Gabe Fraley knocked down a corner three-pointer and Little drew three defenders to the rim and handed an assist to Naser Eaves for a 34-27 Ramstein lead with under three minutes to play in the quarter. Kaiserslautern briefly trimmed the Ramstein lead to three midway through the fourth, but the Royals capably restored a multiple-possession lead.

"My boys were ready to play. We're kind of streaky," Kaiserslautern coach Corey Sullivan said. "We've got to ride the good with the bad."

"Every time we play Kaiserslautern, it's like a battle," Eaves said. "They came out hot and we waited for it die down, and it almost didn't die down for a second. As soon as it did, the comeback was real."

The title brought an end to the prep careers of Ramstein seniors Eaves and Fraley, who won varsity titles as sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"They're everything," O'Connor said. "They're the epitome of Ramstein Royals."

The senior duo reminisced on their own early days with the program, watching the upperclassmen rack up titles and looking forward to their turn.



BRIAN FERGUSON/Stars and Stripes

**Ramstein's Jerod Little goes up for a lay-up during the Division I championship game against Kaiserslautern at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, Germany, on Saturday. Ramstein won 48-39.**

Eaves was named the tournament's most valuable player Saturday.

"We didn't know our legacy was going to be like that," Eaves said. "It's unbelievable."

Fraley scored 10 points in his typically solid all-around effort. "You dream about this type of stuff," Fraley said. "It's great to be out here and be able to live this out."

Kaiserslautern, too, is no stranger to the championship game, but it remains trapped in the upside-down version of things. The Raiders have now played the runner-up to Ramstein in four of the Royals' five championship-game triumphs and fell to the Royals in the semifinals in the other year. Kaiserslautern's heartbreak reached its apex in 2018 as Ramstein stormed back for a stunning 46-45 victory.

"I'm proud of my boys. They did work hard. I wish I could do more for them," Sullivan said. "In our

community, we often are thought of as a second-hand school. We're not."

Kaiserslautern's Johnson scored a game-high 19 points in the loss. Jones paced Ramstein with 16 points, scoring a consistent four points per quarter.

The Royals' latest coronation was an appropriate end to a day of championship games that saw five reigning champions successfully defend their titles. That list includes the Division III Baumholder boys and Sigonella girls, the Division II Black Forest boys, and the Division I Stuttgart girls and Ramstein boys. American Overseas School of Rome was the day's only new champion with a win in the Division II girls title game.

But all that action continued a maddening trend for the annual event. The Division I boys final tipped off at 9:52 p.m. CET, nearly two and a half hours after its scheduled 7:30 p.m. start time.



BRIAN FERGUSON/Stars and Stripes

**Ramstein's Alexis Tri fouls Stuttgart's Adan Maher with only 1.3 seconds left in the Division I championship game. Stuttgart won the game 29-24.**

## Briefly

# Ole Miss players kneel in response to rally

R.J. MORGAN  
Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Eight University of Mississippi basketball players knelt during the national anthem Saturday before a victory over Georgia in response to a Confederacy rally near the arena.

With the teams lined up across the court at the free throw lines, six players took a knee and bowed at the start of the "The Star-Spangled Banner." Two other players later joined them.

"The majority of it was just that we saw one of our teammates doing it and didn't want him to be alone," Ole Miss scoring leader Brocyn Tyree said. "We're just tired of these hate groups coming to our school and portraying our campus like we have these hate groups in our actual school."

The Confederacy demonstration took place a few hundred feet from the arena. In the aftermath of violence at a similar rally in 2017 in Charlottesville, Va., the Oxford community has been on alert.

Various student groups held counter-protests on campus Thursday and Friday. Saturday's march also drew counter-protesters. The rally began at the Confederate monument on the city square and ended at another Confederate monument in the heart of the Ole Miss campus.

"This was all about the hate groups that came to our community to try spread racism and bigotry," Ole Miss coach Kermit Davis said. "It's created a lot of tension for our campus. Our players made an emotional decision to show these people they're not welcome on our campus, and we respect our players freedom and ability to choose that."

Ole Miss beat Georgia 72-71.

## Kyle Busch sets Trucks record with 52nd win

HAMPTON, Ga. — Kyle Busch broke a tie with Ron Hornaday Jr. for the NASCAR Truck Series victory record Saturday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, winning No. 52 in a race delayed by rain with nine laps to go.

"It means a lot," Busch said. "It's a big deal for me and a big deal for this team."

Busch took Stage 1 and had an unscheduled stop shortly thereafter, but went from 24th to first to claim the second stage and went on for his third win at Atlanta — and first since 2009.

# Mahahn, Panthers 3-peat

BY AARON KNOWLES  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Adan Maher often doesn't have the best gaudy statistics.

But the Stuttgart senior left the court Saturday with a claim that few of her peers or predecessors in DODEA Europe girls basketball can claim: three-time champion.

After playing even with rival Ramstein through three and a half quarters, the Panthers owned the final few minutes in a 27-24 victory for their third straight championship.

And Maher, who finished with 10 points, was a big reason.

Robin Hess, Stuttgart head coach, had one thing to say about Maher as she walked off to celebrate with her team: "Adan Maher is a born leader."

Maher's steal and subsequent layup tied the game at 21-21 with 5:06 left to play. Ramstein forged ahead again. Two free throws by Liv Sullens put Stuttgart back on top 25-24.

Maher made it 26-24 with another free throw. Then, with Ramstein trying to tie the game, Sullens came up with the ball after a

wild scramble and was fouled with 10 seconds left.

She missed the free throw. But Skye DaSilva Mathis grabbed it and two more consecutive rebounds and was fouled on her third attempt to score. She made one free throw to increase Stuttgart's lead to 27-24 but missed the second.

Maher was there to grab the miss, though, and dribbled until she was fouled with 1.3 seconds to go. She drained both free throws and the game was over.

"It was a tough game and we just needed to play the best we could," Maher said. "We had to keep looking for the backdoor cutters. They were killing us the first half. We did what our coach taught us and played good solid defense."

Ramstein's Alexis Tri and Maher battled throughout the first half that was marked by hustle and a few nifty drives to the basket, but not many points.

The first quarter ended 6-2 in Stuttgart's favor. Ramstein battled back to tie it at 10-10 at halftime and the two teams were tied at 19-19 entering the final period.

## NBA

Rockets  
take off  
WarriorsBy JANIE MCCAULEY  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Even without NBA scoring leader James Harden, the Houston Rockets took it to Golden State from halfway state.

Eric Gordon scored 25 points with four three-pointers, Chris Paul converted two free throws with 1:08 left on the way to 23, and the Rockets outplayed the Warriors without the ill Harden for a 118-112 victory Saturday night.

Stephen Curry's three shots with 1:57 to play pulled the Warriors to 114, and his and his two free throws at 1:26 made it a four-point game before Houston came through at the line.

Kevin Durant scored 29 points and Curry added 25 with five threes, but the Warriors had their five-game home winning streak snapped in a matchup of West powers who met in the 2018 Western Conference finals won in seven games by Golden State.

"You can come in here and win on a Monday night in February or a Tuesday night in November or December," Paul said. "But in the playoffs is when you have to beat a team four out of seven times. It's great tonight that we won this but in two days, y'all will forget this. We all will."

Early in the fourth, Golden State's Draymond Green exited the game with a sprained left ankle after grabbing at his foot in clear pain from stepping on teammate DeMarcus Cousins' foot.

There wasn't an immediate update on Green, whom Curry said "was in good spirits after the game so I'm assuming it's not anything serious."

He'll be back for the playoffs. That's the only thing we worry about here, right?" Durant said.

Paul handed out 11 of his season-high 17 assists in the first half to reach 9,000 for his career, helping Houston avoid a third straight road loss.

Cousins notched his third straight double-double with 14 rebounds and a season-best 14 rebounds while Klay Thompson had 20 points and six assists.

Curry's three in the final 30 seconds of the first half and a jumper to beat the buzzer by Andre Igou added to Golden State to 61-54 at halftime after the two-time defending champions trailed by 20.

While Harden ached in a strained neck, coach Mike D'Antoni said the reigning MVP probably could have played throughout the game.

Harden hurt the neck when he got hit during a practice.

"He might've played even with a sore neck. He had a little touch of the flu. It was a combination of everything," D'Antoni said.

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	44	16	.732	
Philadelphia	38	22	.632	
Brooklyn	37	23	.617	
Charlotte	31	30	.508	.133
New York	23	38	.375	.312

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	26	31	.475	
Orlando	27	29	.480	
Miami	26	34	.438	
Washington	23	37	.383	
Atlanta	20	40	.333	.875

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	45	14	.763	
Indiana	40	20	.667	
Detroit	28	30	.483	.169
Chicago	16	46	.267	.599
Cleveland	14	48	.222	.713

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	25	.576	
San Antonio	33	26	.558	
New Orleans	27	34	.443	
Memphis	23	38	.377	.12

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	40	18	.690	
Oklahoma City	38	21	.644	.216
Portland	36	23	.610	
Minnesota	33	26	.559	

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	48	7	.739	
L.A. Clippers	37	27	.575	.916
Sacramento	31	33	.485	
L.A. Lakers	29	35	.450	
Phoenix	11	40	.219	.32

Saturday's games				
Portland 130, Philadelphia 115				
Brooklyn 117, Charlotte 115				
Indiana 119, Washington 112				
New Orleans 128, L.A. Lakers 115				
Orlando 119, Miami 106				
Chicago 126, Boston 116				
Los Angeles 110, Minnesota 122				
Houston 118, Golden State 112				
Utah 125, Dallas 109				

Sunday's games				
Orlando at Charlotte				
L.A. Clippers at Denver				
San Antonio at Brooklyn				
Golden State at Charlotte				
Indiana at Detroit				
Portland at Cleveland				
Phoenix at Miami				
San Antonio at Brooklyn				
Utah at Houston				
L.A. Lakers at Memphis				
Los Angeles at Phoenix				
Philadelphia at New Orleans				
Sacramento at Minnesota				
Dallas at Lakers				

Saturday				
Rockets 118, Warriors 112				
Houston	5	14	4-18	Paried 7-17; 4-20, Capela 8-0 0-0, Paul 7-18 5-5, Gordon 8-20 5-5 25, Nene 3-4 2-8 5-1, Pae 2-2 6, G.D. Green 4-8 0-0 10, Totals 40-82 23-14

Golden State				
Golden State	11	19	4-24	Green 16-2 0-2, Cousins 11-19 4-24 13, D.Green 2-6 0-2, Durant 14-24 13-24, Igou 14-24 13-24, Klay 14-24 13-24, L. Thompson 14-24 13-24, Paul 14-24 13-24, Totals 42-80 20-12

Cavaliers				
Cavaliers	35	26	31-11	Paul 4-9, Tucker 4-9 4-12, Faried 14-36 3-11, Thompson 3-7, Durant 14-36 3-11, Gordon 14-36 3-11, Pae 14-36 3-11, G.D. Green 14-36 3-11, Totals 42-80 20-12

Pacers 119, Wizards 112				
Indiana	5	14	4-18	Paried 7-17; 4-20, Capela 8-0 0-0, Paul 7-18 5-5, Gordon 8-20 5-5 25, Nene 3-4 2-8 5-1, Pae 2-2 6, G.D. Green 4-8 0-0 10, Totals 40-82 23-14

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Washington				
Washington	29	36	24-30-11	Paul 4-9, Tucker 4-9 4-12, Faried 14-36 3-11, Thompson 3-7, Durant 14-36 3-11, Gordon 14-36 3-11, Pae 14-36 3-11, G.D. Green 14-36 3-11, Totals 42-80 20-12

Trail Blazers 130, 76ers 115				
Portland	5	14	4-18	Paried 7-17; 4-20, Capela 8-0 0-0, Paul 7-18 5-5, Gordon 8-20 5-5 25, Nene 3-4 2-8 5-1, Pae 2-2 6, G.D. Green 4-8 0-0 10, Totals 40-82 23-14

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The Rockets' Chris Paul, left, says a shot past the Warriors' DeMarcus Cousins in the first half Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

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Pelicans 128, Lakers 115				
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Kings 119, Thunder 116				
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Pistons 119, Heat 96				
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Bucks 140, Timberwolves 128				
Minnesota	5	14	4-18	Paried 7-17; 4-20, Capela 8-0 0-0, Paul 7-18 5-5, Gordon 8-20 5-5 25, Nene 3-4 2-8 5-1, Pae 2-2 6, G.D. Green 4-8 0-0 10, Totals 40-82 23-14

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Boeheim back on bench for loss to Duke

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — No matter the outcome, Jim Boeheim needed this.

Three days after the Hall of Fame coach of the Syracuse Orange struck and killed a pedestrian on a darkened highway that leads out of town, he returned to the bench Saturday night. Boeheim's first public appearance since the Wednesday night accident that killed 51-year-old Jorge Jimenez came in a 75-65 loss to top-ranked Duke and coach Mike Krzyzewski, a close friend.

Once the game started, it seemed like just another tilt featuring the two winningest coaches in NCAA Division I history, except for the massive record crowd that made the dome's walls shake every time the Orange scored. The Blue Devils (24-3, 12-2) improved to 7-0 on the road in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Freshman forward RJ Barrett scored 30 points to lead Duke and Alex O'Connell had 20. Blue Devils star Zion Williamson sat out with a sprained knee.

Tyus Battle led Syracuse with 16 points.

**No. 2 Gonzaga 102, BYU 68:** Zach Norvell Jr. scored 25 points, Rui Hachimura added 23 points and 10 rebounds and the host Bulldogs won, clearing the way for them to possibly be ranked No. 1 on Monday.

Josh Perkins had 21 points and seven assists for Gonzaga (27-2, 14-0). The Bulldogs have won 18 in a row, the longest streak in the nation, and have clinched the West Coast Conference regular-season title.

Yaeli Childs and TJ Haws each had 18 points for the Cougars (18-12, 10-5), who lost their second game in a row.

**No. 3 Virginia 64, No. 18 Louisville 52:** DeAndre Hunter scored 19 of his career-high 26 points after halftime, and the Cavaliers overcame a 12-point deficit to win at Louisville.

The Cavaliers (24-2, 12-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) trailed early in the second half before regrouping to hold the Cardinals (18-10, 9-6) to 6-for-30 from the field (20 percent) and 31 percent shooting overall. Virginia also found its offense, shooting 59 percent and using a 12-1 run over 4:36 for a 55-48 lead it stretched to 12 for its fourth consecutive victory.

Hunter was perfect after the break, making all six shots to finish 9-for-11 from the field. Mama-di Diakite added 14 points, while Jay Huff came off the bench to score 12. The Cavaliers maintained at least a share of the conference lead in the process.

After making 10-for-16 from long range in the first 20 minutes, Louisville managed just 2-for-7 afterward and lost for the fifth time in seven games.

**No. 4 Kentucky 80, Auburn 53:** Kentucky coach John Calipari surpassed Joe B. Hall on the school's career wins list and is second behind Adolph Rupp.



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Duke's RJ Barrett, left, shoots past Syracuse's Elijah Hughes during Duke's 75-65 win Saturday.

Calipari is 298-68 in 10 seasons with the Wildcats. Hall completed a 297-100 record in 13 seasons and led the Wildcats to a national championship in 1978.

PJ Washington scored 24 points to lead the host Wildcats. Washington led three players in double figures and helped lead them to a regular-season sweep of the Tigers. The Wildcats (23-4, 12-2 Southeastern Conference) defeated Auburn 82-80 last month and made things easier the second time around. Tyler Herro followed Washington with 17 points and Ashton Hagans added 14.

Chuma Okeke led Auburn (18-9, 7-7) with 14 points, followed by Jared Harper with 12 and Anfernee McLemore with 10.

**No. 13 LSU 82, No. 5 Tennessee 80 (OT):** Javonte Smart capped a career-best 29-point performance with a crucial rebound and go-ahead free throws in the final seconds for the host Tigers.

Skyler Mays added 23 points, including a game-tying three with 1:16 left in regulation for LSU (22-5, 12-2 Southeastern Conference), which pulled into a tie with Tennessee and Kentucky atop the conference despite playing without its leading scorer, point guard Tremont Waters.

Admiral Schofield had 27 points and Grant Williams had 18 points and 13 rebounds, who have lost two of three after spending about a month ranked first in the nation.

**No. 6 Nevada 74, Fresno State 68:** Caleb Martin scored 24 points and the host Wolf Pack avoided losing consecutive games for the first time this season.

Jordan Caroline added 17 points, Tre'Shawn Thurman had

14 points and 10 rebounds, and Jazz Johnson scored 10 points in his first start of the season for Nevada (25-2, 12-2 Mountain West).

Deshon Taylor led the Bulldogs (19-8, 10-5) with 30 points.

**No. 8 North Carolina 77, No. 16 Florida State 59:** Cameron Johnson had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the host Tar Heels, Luke Maye added 15 points and 11 rebounds, and freshman Nasir Little scored 18 points.

North Carolina (22-5, 12-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) has won 10 of 11 to remain in a first-place tie.

David Nichols scored 16 points and Terrence Mann added 10 for the Seminoles (21-6, 9-5), who had won eight straight but were held to 31 percent shooting in their first loss in more than a month.

**No. 9 Houston 71, South Florida 59:** DeJon Jarreau scored 17 points, Corey Davis Jr. added 15 and the host Cougars won their 11th straight.

Houston (26-1, 13-1 American Athletic Conference) shot 48 percent and never trailed in its 33rd straight home victory.

David Collins had 12 points on 2-for-14 shooting from the field and grabbed eight rebounds for USF (18-9, 7-7). The Bulls shot 31 percent from the field.

**No. 11 Marquette 76, Providence 55:** Sain Hauser had 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Sacar Anim scored 18 points for the visiting Golden Eagles.

Marquette (23-4, 12-2 in the Big East) led by 11 points at halftime and showed no signs of letting up, shooting 53.6 percent in the second half to finish at 54.9 percent for the game. Anim went 8-for-12 and Hauser 7-for-10 for the Golden Eagles, who got only 14 points

on 2-for-12 shooting from leading scorer Markus Howard.

Alpha Diallo had 20 points and six rebounds for the Friars (15-13, 5-10 Big East).

**No. 14 Texas Tech 91, No. 12 Kansas 62:** Jarrett Culver scored 26 points and was one of six Red Raiders to make multiple three-pointers in a win at home.

Texas Tech (22-5, 10-4 Big 12) never trailed, scoring the game's first five points. The Red Raiders made a season-high 16 threes while winning their fifth game in a row.

**No. 15 Purdue 75, Nebraska 72:** Matt Haarms scored 17 points and Grady Eifert beat the shot clock for two huge baskets down the stretch for the Boilermakers.

Purdue (20-7, 13-3 Big Ten) won its second straight close road game, having beaten Indiana 48-46 on a tip-in with three seconds left Tuesday. Ryan Cline's three-pointer to end the first half gave the Boilermakers a two-point lead, and they never trailed again.

Glynn Watson Jr. scored a season-high 25 points and James Palmer added 15 points and a season-high eight assists for the Cornhuskers (15-13, 5-12), who lost for the ninth time in 11 games.

**TCU 75, No. 19 Iowa State 72:** Kouss Ndi had 20 points with 13 rebounds and the host Frogs ended a three-game losing streak.

Iowa State (19-8, 8-6 Big 12) was within 73-72 when Marial Shayok found a gap and drove for a layup with 22 seconds left. Ndi added two free throws before the Cyclones got to attempt two three-pointers in the final three seconds, the last after a TCU

turnover while the buzzer sounded before a lengthy review that added 4 seconds on the clock.

The Frogs (18-9, 6-8) hadn't won since a 92-83 victory at Iowa State two weeks ago, which was their first road win over a ranked team in 21 years.

**No. 20 Virginia Tech 67, Notre Dame 59:** Kerry Blackshear Jr. had 22 points and 14 rebounds to help the Hokies win at Notre Dame.

Virginia Tech (21-6, 10-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) raced to a 14-4 lead.

The Fighting Irish (13-14, 3-11), who got as close as six points on three occasions in the second half, lost their third straight game and their ninth in their last 11 outings.

**No. 22 Wisconsin 69, Northwestern 64:** Brad Davidson scored 16 points, D'Mitrik Trice and Ethan Happ added 14 points apiece and the Badgers won on the road.

Khalil Iverson added 11 points for Wisconsin (19-8, 11-5 Big Ten). Happ scored nine of his points in the second half, and Trice shot 4-for-9 from three-point range.

Vic Law had 24 points for the Wildcats (12-15, 3-13), and Derrek Pardon added 21. They have lost eight straight.

**No. 23 Kansas State 85, Oklahoma State 46:** Balanced scoring and stellar defense and good shooting propelled the host Wildcats.

Kansas State had no problems as Xavier Sneed and Austin Trice led the team with 12 points each and Kamau Stokes had 11. The Wildcats had 10 players score.

Kansas State (21-6, 11-3 in Big 12 play) shot 62 percent and held the Cowboys to 31 percent. Oklahoma State (10-17, 3-11) was led by Yor Anei, who had 12 points as the Cowboys struggled the entire game to find the basket.

**No. 24 Maryland 72, Ohio State 62:** Anthony Cowan Jr. scored 19 points, while Bruno Fernando had 18 points and 10 rebounds and the Terrapins remained unbeaten at home in the Big Ten.

Maryland (21-7, 12-5) used a 13-0 run to take a 52-36 lead.

Duane Washington Jr. scored 15 and Andrew Wesson had 13 for the Buckeyes (17-10, 7-9). Ohio State has lost three of four and nine of its last 14.

**Air Force 82, San Jose State 68:** Chris Joyce had 15 points and six rebounds to lead the host Falcons (12-15, 7-8 Mountain West Conference).

Michael Steadman had 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Spartans (3-23, 0-14), who have now lost 17 consecutive games.

**Colgate 93, Navy 71:** Jordan Burns scored 27 points on 10-for-17 shooting with eight assists to lead the host Raiders to their six straight win.

Will Rayman added 21 points and seven rebounds for Colgate (19-10, 11-5 Patriot League). Danny Ogele had 12 points for the Midshipmen (9-18, 6-10).

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**Pictured, clockwise from left: Humphreys' Jalen Hill soars for a shot against two Kinnick defenders; Ramstein's Haley Deome screams to distract Stuttgart's Jaelyn Page (12); and Yokota's Ramil Celones, bottom, and Edgren's Levi Rick wrestle for control at 135 pounds.**

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